

## More trouble likely in civil service as wage talks fail

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Disruptions in the civil service are expected to spread considerably, possibly as early as next week, following the breakdown of the government-Histadrut wage talks yesterday. No agreement was reached on workers' demands for a 10% rise to compensate for pay erosion due to inflation.

The heads of some 15 civil service organizations are scheduled to meet today to decide their next steps. They were in an angry mood yesterday after the seven-hour talks with the Treasury left them empty-handed.

The Civil Servants Union's original demand was for a 15.5,200 "balancing allowance" to be given to *drug aid* (unified wage scale) workers, who have received no special allowance or whose previous allowances amounted to less than 15.5,200. (In the latter case, the workers were to get the balance).

That would have meant that workers in higher grades who

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## Urgent talks held to avert Agriculture Ministry strike

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV — Yisrael Kassar, head of the trade union department of the Histadrut, met yesterday with Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper and Ministry Director-General Mor Ben-Meir.

The talks were held at Grupper's Tel Aviv office in a last-minute effort to bring an end to disruptions by ministry workers and their threat to start an all-out strike in about one week.

The workers are threatening to strike because the ministry is planning to fire 160 of 2,700 tenured workers. Agriculture Ministry sources said that Kassar persuaded Grupper to put a freeze on the firings. If this is done, the workers will then agree to start talks with the ministry concerning a reorganization that could eliminate certain functions and jobs.

Ben-Meir is scheduled today to meet with Civil Service Commissioner Avraham Natan, who must approve the firing freeze.

Meanwhile, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek said yesterday that if the country's cities do not act fast to get help from the government, they will close down because they will have no money to pay salaries.

Kollek was speaking at a meeting in Jerusalem of mayors called by the Union of Local Authorities. The meeting was held because of the deepening financial crisis that has hit most of the country's municipal and local authorities.

The cities have run out of money because the government has delayed payments due to them for services such as education. In addition, budgets approved by the Interior Ministry envisaged only about half the current rate of inflation.

Union chairman, Holon Mayor Pinchas Blyon, is due to lead a delegation that will meet next week with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad to plead for cash to save the cities.

In addition, the mayors elected a 12-member committee that will decide on what action the cities and local authorities will take if funds are not forthcoming.

In Tel Aviv, talks aimed at ending a labour dispute that led to the closure of the Electrochemical Industries (Frutarom) factory near Acre ended in stalemate yesterday.

Company general manager Michael Kisch said no agreement was reached between the representatives of management, the works committee, the Histadrut, and the Manufacturers Association, despite several hours of talks.

Kisch said the factory, which has been shut since Sunday, will remain closed unless a return-to-work formula is reached in informal talks between the Histadrut and the employers. He said there are no plans for a formal meeting in the near future.

(Compiled from stories by Yitzhak Oked, Michael Eilan and David Rudge.)



Three mayors, Jerusalem's Teddy Kollek (left), Haifa's Arye Gurel (center) and Arad's Avraham Shohat listen to a speech on the financial plight of Israel's cities at a meeting of mayors yesterday in Jerusalem. (Harari)

## 3 soldiers wounded in South Lebanon ambush

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA — Three soldiers were wounded last night in Southern Lebanon when light weapons were fired from an ambush at an IDF convoy, about three kilometers south of the Zaharani River. Two soldiers were seriously wounded and the third moderately wounded.

All three received first aid at the scene of the ambush and were then flown by helicopter to Haifa's Ramat Hospital.

In another incident, an IDF armoured personnel carrier yesterday ran over and detonated a mine east of Sidon. There were no casualties. It was the second such incident during the week.

In Tyre last night, terrorists fired light weapons from a speeding car

at an IDF position. There were no casualties and fire was returned. Soldiers pursued the car, but could not catch it.

The planting of mines in Southern Lebanon is a relatively new phenomenon. Until now, most attacks have been in the form of roadside bombs detonated by remote control or light weapon attacks upon IDF vehicles.

Also yesterday, a hand grenade was tossed at an IDF convoy. No one was wounded and soldiers immediately searched the area for the assailant.

Israeli military sources in Lebanon said that news agency reports from Lebanon that the IDF had closed traffic over the Awali River crossings were a "base lie." IDF policy is to close the bridges at 5 p.m. and reopen them at 7 the next morning, the source said.

## Rumsfeld in Damascus hopes to meet with Assad

By DAVID BERNSTEIN  
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and Agencies

U.S. special Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld arrived in Damascus yesterday amid hopes that the improved atmosphere in U.S.-Syrian relations will enable him to meet President Hafez Assad for the first time since he was appointed last November.

The left-wing *As-Safir* newspaper, which appears in Beirut and is usually reliable on Syrian affairs, reported that Rumsfeld would be meeting with Assad, although U.S. Embassy officials in Damascus were quoted as saying that they had no firm commitment that the meeting would take place.

Secretary of State George Shultz, in a satellite interview with European TV stations yesterday, voiced his optimism that Rumsfeld would be seeing Assad. But he reiterated Washington's continued commitment to last May's American-

mediated accord between Israel and Lebanon, which Syria strongly opposes, thus blocking political progress in Lebanon.

This does not augur well for any breakthrough during Rumsfeld's visit to Damascus, despite the undoubted improvement in relations between the two countries since the release of American pilot Robert Goodman last month.

Rumsfeld, who was scheduled to meet with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam yesterday, held talks with Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem and President Amin Jemayel's national security adviser Wadia Haddad in Beirut before leaving for the Syrian capital.

No statements were issued after the talks. Beirut state television said the Jemayel administration hopes that Rumsfeld's talks there and in Damascus will help ease Lebanon's security tensions and open the way for renewed talks on Moslem-Christian reconciliation.

## Red Cross visited Israeli POWs in Syria

GENEVA (JTA). — The International Committee of the Red Cross said here yesterday that its delegates in Syria visited three Israeli prisoners of war on December 31.

The delegates brought to the

POWs letters from their families and took letters to be transmitted to Israel.

The previous visit to the two Israelis held by the Ahmed Jibril terrorist group was on November 29.

## Old City 'resettlers' aim at other property too

By MICHAEL EILAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

One of the main bodies trying to "resettle" Jews in the Moslem Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City is actively seeking to gain control of property not formerly owned by Jews.

The Atara Leyoshna organization

is seeking control of a two-dunam plot of land inside the Old City walls near Herod's Gate. *The Jerusalem Post* has learned. The land is owned by the Orthodox Palestine Society, the secular arm of the White Russian Church.

Proponents of controversial plans to settle Jews in the heart of the densely populated Moslem Quarter have long said that all they want to do is to "realize" Jewish rights on Jewish-owned property abandoned before the War of Independence in 1948.

But now, Atara Leyoshna, a non-profit association, has changed its charter: it wants to take over non-Jewish property as well. The planned deal over the plot near Herod's Gate demonstrates that the change in policy is being actively pursued.

Municipal officials, including Mayor Teddy Kollek, have argued that settling Jews in the Moslem Quarter would increase tension between Arabs and Jews in Jerusalem.

According to an internal Atara Leyoshna document, the association wants "to submit plans for the construction of 28 living units (flats)" on this plot.

The Israel Lands Administration has been negotiating with the Orthodox Palestine Society over the sale of the plot. The Atara Leyoshna document claims that the land has already been bought by the

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## Sharon lashes own party — sideswipes Shamir

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon yesterday launched an attack on his own Herut Party — and by implication on Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir — at a Herut central committee meeting in Tel Aviv. The attack followed Sharon's failure this week to be elected head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department by the Zionist General Council.

In his speech to the party, Sharon also obliquely demanded a cabinet portfolio and lashed out at the Labour Party as representing a "defeatist brand of Zionism."

It was the first committee session in many months and the first to be addressed by Shamir as prime minister. He too had sharp words for the opposition, the media and Zionist movement functionaries.

Sharon entered the meeting while Shamir was speaking, and the prime minister had to stop while the delegates rose and welcomed him with thunderous applause.

When Sharon spoke, he surprised his audience by announcing he has no hard feelings against Jewish Agency chairman Arye Dulzin for campaigning against him at the ZGC meeting. He (Dulzin) did not bring about a situation in which I am not playing any role in the government. He did not sit in the

cabinet session that decided I should not play a role in government. He is not responsible for the fact that for about a year, I am sitting at home and working on my tractor. The cause of this has to be sought here inside and not elsewhere," Sharon said.

"Let's seek the truth here inside our own house, even if it is not pleasant or comfortable," said the minister. He urged that the long-overdue Herut convention be called into session, and until that time, no new appointments be made in party institutions.

In a thinly-veiled allusion to himself, Sharon said: "There should not be a situation here in which ministers should go around among us with bitterness in their hearts. They should be mobilized for the national effort. It is impossible to conceive that ministers would sit home for long months, doing agricultural work, unable to express themselves in executive tasks."

Herut insiders also did not fail to notice that Sharon's words could also apply to Deputy Premier David Levy, who is still waiting for Shamir to yield the foreign affairs portfolio to him. Committees members took the speech as signifying an end in the quiet Shamir-Sharon alliance which contributed to Shamir's defeat of Levy in last September's contest for premier-designate. Sharon was clearly criticizing Shamir for not reorganizing the cabinet.

Sharon is rumored in Herut to be angling for a new partnership with Levy. He recently conferred with Levy supporter MK Micha Reiser and reportedly told him he is ready to team up with the deputy premier. Levy has not yet replied to the Sharon offer.

Sharon said all Likud forces should be mobilized in a strong government to enable "daring Zionism to counter defeatist Zionism, if it can be labelled Zionism at all."

Defeatist Zionism, said Sharon, brought about the "catastrophe" of the Yom Kippur War. It is full of personal hate and hate for the Likud, with relentless efforts to bring down Likud government. From the first day they did all they could with destructive cynicism to prevent the Likud government from scoring successes.

"Those parties which damage the self-preservation motivation of the Israeli soldier will find that it cannot be instantly rehabilitated as soon as they come to power."

A whole generation will have to go by before the destroyed motivation is built up again, regardless of who forms the next government," Sharon warned.

He criticized members of Kibbutz Negba for demonstrating against the war in Lebanon. "Do they think that only a war that takes place in their own fields, as happened in

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## Maccabi Tel Aviv swamps Sarajevo

TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Tel Aviv delighted its almost incredulous fans last night, overwhelming Bosna Sarajevo by no less than 32 points, 112-80, to record its first win in this season's European Cup final pool.

For the first time this season, Maccabi seemed to have developed a smoothly running winning team without Earl Williams and Jack Zimmerman.

The stars that shone brightest in the Maccabi galaxy were Micky Berkowitz, with 32 points, Motti Aroesti, 17, Aulcie Perry, 25, and Howie Lassoff, 13.

Maccabi still has a slight hope of getting through to the cup final, despite previous defeats.

## Central bank examining Levinson affair

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Bank of Israel is checking out alleged financial irregularities by Ya'acov Levinson, former chairman of the board of Bank Hapoalim.

Examiner of Banks Galia Maor said yesterday that she has been checking out the allegations "for some time."

Banking ethics do not permit her to say more, she said.

A senior source at Bank Hapoalim, which has been carrying out its own investigation into the affair, said yesterday that there are still no "accurate" findings regarding any irregularities by Levinson.

The managing committee of Hevrat Ha'ovdim, the Histadrut's holding company, later called for completing the investigation as soon as possible.

Bank officials and two board members have for two months been looking into alleged transfers of bank assets at low prices from Bank Hapoalim to Ampal, its subsidiary established to raise money in the U.S.

The transfers allegedly helped foreign residents, and the weekly *Haolam Hazei* has alleged that Levinson acted to enrich himself and his friends. But Levinson denied the *Haolam Hazei* report and insisted that he acted with the bank's knowledge and in its interests.

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Safed	50	7-10	11
Haifa Port	44	13-18	19
Tiberias	51	10-18	19
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Alula	40	3-17	19
Shimon	40	3-17	19
Tel Aviv	40	9-18	19
B-G Airport	51	6-18	19
Jericho	38	8-20	21
Giara	42	10-18	19
Beer-Sheva	21	8-20	20
Haifa	21	9-23	22

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Archimandrite Anthony Grabbe, head of the White Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem, yesterday held a reception on the occasion of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

## Lebanon war pre-empted PLO attacks, says Eitan

By DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Operation Peace for Galilee pre-empted PLO plans to attack Jewish settlements in northern Israel by less than two months, former Israel Defence Forces chief of staff Rav-Aluf (res.) Rafael Eitan said last night.

Speaking to students at Haifa University, Eitan said the IDF found secret PLO documents which showed that the terrorists planned to attack the settlements, starting in Rosh Hanikra and then moving across to the Hermon.

The documents gave details of the men, arms, ammunition and other equipment that would be used. In addition the campaign plan anticipated an Israeli counter attack, Eitan said.

Eitan was given a noisy and sometimes hostile reception by the students.

One group, saying they represented a newly formed organization to promote peaceful coexistence between Jews and Arabs, donned "cockroach masks" when Eitan began his address. The former chief of staff called Arab stone-throwers "drugged cockroaches" last year. The students later walked out in protest against some of his remarks.

Several Arab students claimed that they were locked out of the lecture hall by security guards and organizers. They maintained a noisy protest from outside, banging on doors and walls until they were finally admitted.

Eitan was booed on several occasions, particularly when stating that people who do not serve in the army should not be eligible to study at universities.

But the majority of the audience supported the former chief of staff, and loudly applauded his rejoinders to the hecklers.

Questioned about stone-throwing incidents in Judea and Samaria, Eitan said he disagrees with those MKs who suggest that security forces should shoot the perpetrators either in the face or legs. The best answer, he said, would be to build a Jewish settlement on every spot where rocks fall.

VISIT. — Soviet Defence Minister Marshal Dmitri Ustinov will visit India soon as part of a series of high-level exchanges between the two countries, an Indian external affairs spokesman said yesterday.

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# HOME AND WORLD NEWS

## Zionist presidium empowered to vote on Herut candidate

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Zionist General Council, which was almost completely preoccupied for five days with the candidacy of Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon for a seat on the Zionist executive, ended yesterday after empowering its presidium to vote on the candidacy of whoever will be nominated in the near future by Herut-Hatzohar.

The presidium has some two dozen members, representing the Zionist parties in the same proportion as in the 118-member ZGC. Herut-Hatzohar (the Zionist arm

of Herut) is likely to choose another nominee for the seat and the Jewish Agency immigration portfolio very soon. The most discussed candidates yesterday were MK Michael Kleiner and Ambassador to Colombia Haim Aharon.

The haste is regarded as necessary to insure that agency executive chairman Arye Dulzin does not retain the department chairmanship for much longer. Sharon went down in defeat 39 to 48, in a dramatic vote on Wednesday night.

The last session of the ZGC, at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma, closed at 5 p.m., some four hours

behind schedule. Some time was spent preparing a few resolutions dealing with the original theme — "Future Trends in the Zionist Movement and its Reorganization" — to prove that the AGC had accomplished more than dealing with Sharon's candidacy.

The main resolution was a decision to "continue discussions to adapt the World Zionist Organization and its structure to the needs of the coming generation." Further proposals will be brought to future Zionist General Council meetings, according to the resolution.

The rest of the final session was

full of recriminations between Herut and Liberal delegates arguing of the Sharon defeat.

Jewish Agency sources said yesterday that a Herut proposal to nominate a minister for the Jewish people was not likely to be implemented, since the Knesset would first have to amend the agreement it concluded years ago with the Jewish Agency, granting that body the responsibility for dealing with immigration. Herut activists have been demanding that Sharon be installed at the head of such a ministry to teach the minister's opponents a lesson.

## MKs glimpse West Bank realities from mountain top

By DAVID RICHARDSON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MT. GERIZIM. — Eight members of the Knesset State Control Committee and a heavy of aides and guests yesterday gathered here around a high-powered, telephoto television camera focussed on the centre of Nablus almost two kilometres below them.

The rare visit of a Knesset committee to the West Bank was intended to provide a first-hand glimpse of the dual legal system which serves Jews and Arabs in the same area. The committee also sought to examine whether some parliamentary control is needed over the numerous military orders which control so much of the life of the areas' Arab residents.

"Focus the camera so that we can see someone's face or read the licence plate of a car," one Knesset member asked of the young intelligence officer who was demonstrating one of the sophisticated measures now used to bring demonstrators and stone-throwers to trial. That was the closest any of the participants got to an Arab during the 10-hour tour of the West Bank.

The committee had originally asked the Defence Ministry to arrange a meeting with local Arabs, to hear their view of the situation. But according to the committee secretary, the Defence Ministry was clearly reluctant and it was decided instead to invite several Arab lawyers to a future meeting.

Yesterday's tour began with brief-

ings by OC Central Command Aluf Amnon Shahak, senior military commanders in the area, and the president of the Ramallah Military Court, Aluf Mishne Amnon Strashnov.

Judea area police commander Sgan-Nitzav David Cohen complained that the police are hopelessly understaffed. He recalled that the number of police positions has not increased since 1967, when there were no Jewish settlers and the Arab population in the district was significantly lower.

Cohen added that the military government's formation and support of the village leagues "introduced serious criminal elements into the system." They were given arms and authority, and the result was a serious increase in ten-

sion and crime, he said. Assistant state attorney Yehudit Karp, who was present on the tour and whose recent report on discriminatory law enforcement in favour of the settlers partly prompted the committee's interest, alleged that the settlers are not doing enough to curb those among them who are stigmatizing them as a group.

As an example, she recalled a poster in Kiryat Arba two years ago which warned residents not to cooperate with the police. Calling it a clear incitement to rebellion, she also alleged that Kiryat Arba lawyer Elyakim Ha'etzi, who was sitting next to her, had drafted the poster. Ha'etzi flatly denied any knowledge of the poster and later

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## Hussein says he'll be back at work soon

AMMAN. — Jordan's King Hussein, hospitalized five days ago with a bleeding peptic ulcer, said yesterday he is in good health and will resume his duties within a few days.

The official Jordanian news agency Petra said that he made the statement in a live radio broadcast from his hospital suite.

Crown Prince Hassan will replace Hussein as head of his country's delegation to the Islamic summit conference which opens in Rabat, Morocco, next week.

Meanwhile, representatives of the PLO and Palestine Liberation Army yesterday visited Jordan's new Prime Minister Ahmad Obeidat and Foreign Minister

Taher Masri to congratulate them on their appointments. Petra said the officials included Brigadier Abdul-Razzaq Yahya, the PLO executive committee's representative in Jordan, and Colonel Na'im Khatib, commander of PLA forces in Jordan.

West Bank members of the Jordanian parliament and other prominent figures from the Israeli administered territory also visited the premier's office yesterday, Petra said.

In his letter of appointment, Hussein asked Obeidat to work for Palestinian rights in coordination with the PLO. (Reuter, AP)

## Jumblatt lists new demands as Druse shell East Beirut

BEIRUT (AP). — Shells crashed around the Lebanese Defence Ministry and Christian East Beirut yesterday for the first time in nearly a month, as Syrian-backed Druse leader Walid Jumblatt issued new demands for his acceptance of a security plan for embattled Lebanon.

Government-run Beirut Radio said six persons were wounded as shells from the Druse-controlled mountains fell on Ashrafieh, the downtown area of East Beirut. Shells also crashed around the Lebanese Defence Ministry in suburban Yarzec, east of the capital, and in Beirut's port.

A spokesman for the Progressive Socialist Party said the Druse gunners in the mountains opened up after Aley, a major Druse town in the mountains east of the capital, was shelled in mid-afternoon.

Jumblatt told the leftist Beirut newspaper *Al-Safir* in an interview published yesterday that he is demanding abolition of a night curfew in Beirut and government censorship on Lebanese newspapers before the security plan to separate

the warring factions is set in motion.

Jumblatt's statement went on the newsstands in Beirut shortly before he left Damascus for Moscow at the invitation of the Soviet Communist Party central committee. There was no immediate response from the Jemayel administration to Jumblatt's new demand.

Jumblatt also assailed the recent reinstatement of Maj. Sa'ad Haddad into the Lebanese Army. In an interview published in *The Washington Post*, Jumblatt said this move by the Lebanese government was a mistake at a time when Shia Moslem and Druse officers are not being advanced in the army.

Jumblatt said that discrimination against Shia and Druse officers is one of four points of dispute in Jemayel's security plan. The others, he said, are the curfew, censorship and the presence of Lebanese troops on the heights overlooking Druse villages south of the capital. Jumblatt accused Jemayel of refusing to resolve the issues, and blamed Lebanese intelligence chief Col. Simon Kassis for the breakdown of negotiations on the security plan at the end of last week.

## Arab states may invite Egypt to summit

RABAT (Reuters). — Ministers from Arab states, meeting here yesterday to prepare next week's Islamic summit, are expected to consider inviting Egypt to rejoin the Arab fold.

Arab position and not a unilateral position. Libya's second in command, Abdel-Salam Jalloud, said on Monday that Libya will boycott the summit if Egypt attends.

The dramatic meeting in Cairo last month between President Hosni Mubarak and PLO leader Yasser Arafat spurred moves to readmit Egypt. Diplomats said Cairo's strong opposition to Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982 and new Jewish settlements in occupied Arab territories would ease Egypt's reacceptance.

## Shawwa barred from visiting Amman

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Ousted Gaza mayor Rashid Shawwa told Mapam leaders yesterday that the military authorities are refusing to allow him to travel to Jordan on the grounds that "the time is inappropriate." No response was available last night from military sources to Shawwa's statement.

He was removed from office in 1981. The former mayor and a delegation of Gaza notables met with Mapam leaders headed by MK Victor Shemtov, who said the meeting

was meant to renew the dialogue for peace and break the cycle "in which extremism in one camp feeds on extremism in the other."

Shawwa called upon Mapam and its supporters to send observers to Gaza and the West Bank to see for themselves "the difficult existence under Israeli rule."

Shemtov called upon the government to begin negotiations with Jordan and representatives of the Palestinians without setting conditions for the talks.

## Youth arrested after rail switch sabotaged

LOD (Itim). — Police arrested a 13-year-old youth on Wednesday in connection with a sabotaged switch on the Lod-Tel Aviv railway line that could have caused a derailment if it had not been discovered in

time, truck inspector said.

Police said they followed footprints from the site, and as they came near a herd of cattle, they saw a young Beduin herdsman flee. They caught him.

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The funeral will take place today, Friday, January 13, 1984, leaving at 11.00 a.m. from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Daphna St. Tel Aviv, for the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

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We thank all who offered condolences, verbally and by letter.

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we shall meet at his grave to honour his memory and to unveil the tombstone on Tuesday, January 17, 1984 at 3 p.m. at Har Hamenuhot cemetery, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

The Family

In deep sorrow we announce the sudden passing away of my beloved husband, our father, father-in-law and grandfather  
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Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy (left) congratulates IDF Manpower Division head Amos Yaron on his promotion to Tat-Aluf yesterday, as Mrs. Yaron looks on.

## Amos Yaron gets a promotion after having 'paid his debt'

By HIRSH GOODMAN  
Post Defence Correspondent

Tat-Aluf (Brigadier-General) Amos Yaron, who was among the IDF senior officers reprimanded by the Kahan Commission for indirect responsibility in the Sabra and Shatilla massacres, was promoted yesterday to the rank of aluf (major-general). He will continue as OC Manpower Division.

Yaron's promotion was made possible by Defence Minister Moshe Arens, who on Wednesday informed Chief of Staff Rav Aluf Moshe Levy that he no longer opposed it, since nearly a year had lapsed since the commission made its recommendations, and Yaron has paid his debt.

The commission recommended that "Brig-Gen. Amos Yaron not serve in the capacity of a field commander in the Israel Defence Forces, and that this recommendation not be reconsidered until three years have passed."

The commission determined that "by virtue of his failing and actions... Yaron committed a breach of the duties incumbent upon him by virtue of his position."

As a result of the recommendation, Yaron was moved from his post as chief infantry and paratroop officer and given the "desk job" of OC Manpower, while at the same time being denied the aluf rank that normally goes with the appointment.

The commission had made no stipulation regarding Yaron's rank, though it was clearly understood by

the IDF's upper echelon at the time that to promote Yaron would constitute a slap in the face of the commission. Now that nearly a year has lapsed, Arens, who despite his reservations about the Kahan Commission's findings was careful to implement them in full, felt that Yaron could be promoted.

Sources in the Defence Ministry last night vociferously denied that with Yaron's promotion coming hot on the heels of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's attempt to get Ariel Sharon named to the Jewish Agency executive, the government is trying to nullify the Kahan Commission's findings. The sources said that the Arens move had nothing to do with anything else other than the minister's private decision that Yaron has paid his debt.

It has been learned that what could have prompted the move was an attempt to restore army morale, and to send a clear signal that the defence minister is dedicated to protecting the army's integrity and interests. Relations between the ministry and the IDF have come under serious strain recently, because of proposed budget cuts, and the influence these will have on the military's ability to continue to attract top-rate officers for long-term positions.

CRUISES. — The French liner *Azure* will dock in Eilat in two weeks at the start of a two-month season of plying the Eilat Suez route. The ship will carry some 500 passengers.

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there will be a memorial evening on Tuesday, January 17, 1984 at 6 p.m. at the Italian Synagogue, 27 Rehov Hillel, Jerusalem. His friends and those who cherish his memory are invited.



# Mandelbaum foresees more budget cuts

**By YITZHAK OKED**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The 1984 budget, which will be presented by the Minister of Finance, Yitzhak Mordechai, on Wednesday, is expected to contain more cuts than the 1983 budget, according to Yitzhak Mordechai, Minister of Finance.

Mordechai said that the government needs additional revenue, it should get it from the public through savings schemes. Mandelbaum said the Bank of Israel will not make loans to cover the revenue side of the budget.

The two top priorities of the government's economic policy should be cutting the budget as much as possible and encouraging the public to save. The public has been putting less and less of its money into savings schemes during the past few years, he said. To encourage savings, the terms of the

schemes should not be made less attractive, Mandelbaum said.

He also said he supported a "package deal" between the government, workers and private employers.

The Bank of Israel is planning to offer the public new issues of government bonds redeemable in 30, 60 and 90 days. If these are popular, the bank will issue other series redeemable in 120 days or longer, he said.

He said that competition among banks is a pillar of the Bank of

Israel's policy. More competition means more efficiency, and the public stands to benefit, Mandelbaum said.

Examiner of Banks Galia Maor said she is keeping a watch over banks to make certain they do not work together to fix prices for their services.

"No new bank branches will be opened during 1984," she said, except a few in the final stages of construction or ones that moved to new locations.

## security conditions are right Peres wants unilateral pullback from Lebanon

**By JUDY SIEGEL**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres yesterday called for a unilateral Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon if adequate security guarantees are provided.

Speaking to the Zionist General Council meeting in Jerusalem, Peres said he disagreed with his "friend," Defence Minister Moshe Arens, who a day before told the same audience that Israel will not withdraw unilaterally from Lebanon.

Peres, who got a warm reception from the delegates, said that everyone, including former premier Menachem Begin, has realized that the Lebanon war is a tragedy. Thus, he asked, why should Israel be told by the government not to demand withdrawal before Syria removes its forces?

"What are we afraid of?" said Peres. "Must we be silent because we're afraid of what will be written in the foreign press? I care more about the life of one Israeli soldier than about what is written in 100 newspapers in the U.S. and Europe."

The Labour Party's position is that Israel should leave Lebanon unilaterally, implementing by itself the four security conditions demanded by the Likud: the right to

fly over southern Lebanon; to patrol Lebanese coasts; to regularize the Haddad militia forces and to preserve intelligence elements in southern Lebanon.

"The government's error is that it has made withdrawal conditional on these terms," Peres said.

He charged that on the Palestinian question, the government has tried to "evade reality," and has "megalomaniac tendencies" that prevent it from reaching a compromise.

The Jordanians should be invited to the negotiating table without preconditions, Peres said. "Why tell them that they may come only on the basis of the Camp David agreement, to which Hussein was not a signatory? Instead, we must say we're ready to negotiate on the basis of UN Resolution 242, which all of us have agreed to."

Peres called on every Diaspora Jewish family to send at least one of its children here as an immigrant not only for the good of Israel but to insure the survival of world Jewry. He also urged that Israel not get involved in useless arguments with the Soviet Union in matters relating to the Middle East, in order to have more influence in the fight to open the gates for Jewish emigration to Israel. "We must all, as Jews, try to renew relations with the Soviet Union," he said.



New Zaire Ambassador N'Gbanda Nzamba ko-Atumba drinks a toast yesterday after presenting his credentials to President Chaim Herzog at a ceremony in Beit Hanassi. The ambassador, 37, is a career diplomat. Diplomatic relations with Zaire were renewed last July. Herzog and his wife Aura are to leave Tuesday for an eight-day state visit to Zaire and Liberia.

## Jerusalem man to be tried for murder, attempted killings

**By ROBERT ROSENBERG**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem gangland figure Avner Kol is suspected of making four murder attempts and planning three others within a week of his release on December 25 from a six-month jail term for contempt of court, police said yesterday. They said the 24-year-old, arrested earlier this week, will be charged next week with "a range of violent crimes."

Described as "trigger-happy" by both underworld and police sources, Kol is expected to be tried for his alleged role in at least one murder and several attempted killings. His fingerprints were found on the scene of an armed robbery two weeks ago during which a 72-year-old Jerusalem jewelry shop owner was shot and wounded, police said.

Kol is also suspected of shooting Mevasseret Zion resident Ye'acov Shitrit within eight days of being released from jail. Shitrit was alleged by police a year ago to have stockpiled weapons and drugs, but was subsequently freed by a court for lack of evidence. He is at Hadasah Hospital in Ein Kerem with a round-the-clock police guard.

Kol's arrest "forced" the police to make the other arrests in the case. "The arrest of Micha Aslan and Pinhas (Monkey) Ovadia were

by-products" of Kol's arrest, police sources said, because the suspicions on which Kol was arrested involved the two others as well.

Earlier this week, police announced they had identified the body of Shimon Sabah, a Jerusalem underworld figure missing for the last 3½ years. The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday that other bodies have been found — but police still lack positive confirmation of the identities. One man whose body they are hoping to find is David Haio, an underworld figure who has been missing for the last 18 months. The discovery of the bodies, police say, is a key element in their cases against the arrested men.

According to the police, there have been arrests in "other parts of the country," and "more arrests are very likely."

Police sources refused to provide information about the relationship between Kol and the others being held, but the Post has learned that Aslan, a former paratrooper known in the Russian Compound as "a gentleman's gangster," was one of the few people in Jerusalem who had any measure of control over Kol. Aslan is suspected of driving the getaway car in the jewelry robbery.

## More youth unemployed in new towns

**By CHARLES HOFFMAN**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The unemployment rate for development town youth is more than twice as high as for youth in older and larger towns, according to a study released yesterday by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

The study, based on 1981 survey data, also shows that development towns have a proportionately larger share of youth, aged 14-17, who neither work nor study. Close to 14 per cent of the youth in the new towns is in this socially problematic group, while the rate for the three large cities and older towns is just under 1 per cent.

"The overall profile of youth presented in the report has changed little in the last two years, although the situation may have worsened in development towns due to the slow economic growth since 1981."

Some 34,000 out of 278,000 Israeli youth (12 per cent) were neither studying nor working in 1981. 15,300 of them Jews. Of the 16,200

Arabs in this group, most of them were girls, whose main task was to help with the household chores.

The proper proportion of young people in this age group neither studying nor working has not declined since the late 1960s. The portion of youth who study but don't work rose during this time to over 80 per cent of the total.

The unemployment rate for development town youth was 36 per cent, compared to 16 per cent in the older towns and 13 per cent in the three large cities.

**Scrabble tournament to be held in Tiberias**

The 4th National Scrabble Tournament is scheduled to start next Thursday at the Galiel Khmeret Hotel in Tiberias. A total of 120 participants are expected to try their luck and skill in the two-day contest, which is sponsored by The Jerusalem Post, tournament organizer Sam Orbaum said.

## U.S. Sixth Fleet spending millions of dollars here

**By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The American Sixth Fleet is spending millions of dollars in the country, particularly in Haifa. Visits by the fleet have now become routine, with ships calling almost every week, mainly from duty off Beirut. Their men are eager to spend some of the pay they have been accruing but were unable to spend at sea.

In addition, the fleet has spent \$400,000 on repair works at the Israel Shipyard in the last two months alone.

Major repairs were carried out on the USS Trenton and Rigal, and assistance was given to other ships which carried out their own repairs in Haifa, the shipyard spokesman said yesterday.

The work was a major boost for the yard. Its staff of 88 has been severely underemployed.

Forty workers have been persuaded to accept early retirement, and the management wants to lay off dozens more because of the lack of work, but has not yet overcome the Haifa Labour Council's objection to dismissals.

The yard is presently working only on repairs to some freighters and Israel naval vessels. It has no orders in hand for construction of either civilian or naval ships.

In addition to spending on repairs, the Sixth Fleet buys hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of fresh fruit in Haifa for its ships. The crew also spends money on sightseeing trips, and Haifa's bars, discotheques, cafes and restaurants are thriving, thanks to the free spending guests.

What there is of Haifa "nightlife" is also doing very well, although Tel Aviv's entertainment business is drawing away many of the men.

## Diasporans peeved by Project Renewal cuts

**By CHARLES HOFFMAN**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A new row is shaping up between Diaspora fundraisers and the government over planned cuts in the Project Renewal budget for next year.

Deputy Housing Minister Moshe Katsav, the government coordinator for Project Renewal, plans to ask Jewish Agency heads later this month for \$5 million to fund social programmes in the 13 "new" neighbourhoods that were added to the project more than 1½ years ago. The joint agency-government slum rehabilitation project has been functioning in 69 other areas for several years.

Planned social programmes such as dental clinics, clubs for the youth and the aged, and adult literacy courses have not started in the 13 new areas this past year because of budget problems, and it appears that the cut in renewal funds for next year will delay them even further.

The Diaspora fundraisers in the agency, whose communities are "twinning" with renewal neighbourhoods, have been reluctant to start programmes in new areas before they have completed rehabilitation of the older areas. So far, only one of the 13 areas has

been formally linked with a Diaspora twin.

At the agency board of governors meeting last October, \$700,000 for interim funding was appropriated to the new areas over the objections of most of the fundraisers on the body. They were worried about stirring up expectations in the neighbourhoods before Diaspora commitments to continue the programmes were nailed down.

The head of the agency renewal department, Gideon Witkon, said "Katsav promised us that there would be no cuts in renewal. If the government can't meet its commitments to the new areas, then the agency will have to reconsider its involvement there too."

Another agency official said: "The government is threatening now to close community centres in 15 renewal neighbourhoods, most of which were built with Diaspora contributions, due to budget cuts. How does the government expect the Diaspora communities to fund new areas when programmes in the old areas are falling apart?"

Even if the agency heads go along with Katsav's request for the \$5m, it will still have to be approved at February's board of governors meeting where strong opposition from the fundraisers is expected.

## Israel Bonds raised \$475 million in 1983

The Israel Bonds Organization produced a total of \$475,434,250 in cash proceeds for Israel's economic development in 1983, campaign chairman David Hermelin has announced. The organization raised \$502,144,500 in 1982.

The 1983 results brought to more than \$6.5 billion the proceeds channelled by the organization towards economic growth since its inception in 1951.

Some 200 Jewish leaders, representing communities in the U.S., Canada, Latin America and other countries will participate in an International Israel Bond leadership conference in Israel from January 15 to 22.

The conference will discuss ways for the organization to increase its contribution to Israel's development budget for 1984.

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## Ship sails after court issues injunction

HAIFA (Item) — The former Israeli merchant vessel Dalit left the port here for Ashdod yesterday under its new name, Cape Corpus, after the Haifa Maritime Court granted its old owners, the Dalit Rosenfeld Company, an *ex parte* injunction.

The Israeli company requested the injunction after six sailors refused to leave the ship and allow it to sail, claiming that they are owed back wages. Dalit Rosenfeld told the court that the sailors are causing

damage to the vessel's new owners, the Corpus Shipping Company.

The order was issued after Dalit Rosenfeld deposited \$2,184 to pay the sailors' back wages.

**KIRYAT SHMONA.** — Kibbutz Ein Harold (Me'uhad) is demanding that the so-called Hug Ein Harold, an ultra-nationalist group that favours annexing the occupied territories, remove "Ein Harold" from its name and revert to its former name, Ein Vered.

## AACI to hold tribute to Martin Luther King

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

The 55th anniversary of the birth of the late U.S. civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. will be marked by the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel with a tribute at Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem on Sunday. Aura Herzog, wife of the president, will participate.

Mrs. Herzog will speak on King's contribution to the quest for social

justice. Last November, she and President Chaim Herzog met with King's widow, Coretta Scott King, and father, Martin Luther King Sr., in Atlanta.

Other speakers will be Rabbi Hank Skirball, national vice-president of the AACI, who will talk about King's career and his concern for Israel. King was assassinated in 1968.

## Shcharansky is very ill, mother reports after visit

**By HYAM CORNEY**  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

**LONDON.** — Anatoly Shcharansky's health gives serious cause for concern, his wife Avital said yesterday. Confirming reports from Moscow, she said that her husband is so ill that when his mother Ida Milgrom visited him in Christopol prison last week, she could hardly recognize him.

Milgrom is reported as saying that his face is pale and drawn and he has black rings under his eyes. "I couldn't talk," she said. "I just looked at him and asked myself: What have they done to my son?"

Milgrom had previously seen her son, a *refusenik*, in July. The deterioration since then was most pronounced, Avital, who is hoping to see Sir Geoffrey Howe on the foreign secretary's return from Damascus, is travelling to Stockholm on Sunday, where world leaders are meeting for a continuation of the Madrid conference on European security.

On her way to London, she called on political leaders in France and Holland. In Stockholm, she is hoping to see others. There is even a possibility that she will meet Soviet

Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. Friends are trying to arrange an appointment.

Accompanied on her travels by former Prisoner of Zion Yosef Mendeleovich, Avital said here yesterday that she is hopeful that her husband might soon be released. "Maybe with this last push we can succeed."

She said that Anatoly is sharing a cell with two other political prisoners. One of them, a Christian, has a bible which Anatoly is copying out by hand.

Referring to Milgrom's meeting with Anatoly last week, Avital said that despite her husband's condition, the authorities are refusing to transfer him to a hospital. "The Soviet authorities do not care about his health. They are putting his life in danger," she charged.

In a telephone conversation with Avital, Milgrom told her that Anatoly is now suffering from head pains and there is fear that these could indicate the beginning of blindness. He is taking pills to relieve the pain but not to cure the illness. Milgrom was accompanied on the 800 kilometre journey from Moscow to the prison by her other son, Leonid.

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## Jerusalem Post Poll A significant minority backs 'Jewish terror'

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

TEL AVIV. — Although an overwhelming majority of the public oppose Jewish terror in response to Arab terrorism, a sizeable minority favours it, according to the latest Jerusalem Post poll, conducted during the last two weeks of December by the Modi'in Ezrahi research institute.

The figures, compiled from the responses of 1,292 adults who do not live in Judea or Samaria, show that 7.9 per cent oppose the creation of a Jewish group to fight terror with terror, while 18.7 per cent favour the idea (9.4 per cent had no opinion).

Twice as many Likud voters polled support Jewish terrorism than do those who voted for the Alignment. Asked whether they support TNT, the group which has claimed responsibility for recent terror acts against Moslem and Christian targets, 26.2 per cent of Likud voters support the group (63.3 per cent against), compared to 13.2 per cent of Alignment voters (81.6 per cent opposed).

Among the "floating voters" with no declared political affiliation, 17.8 per cent support Jewish terror and 68.9 per cent oppose it. Those who did not respond to the question comprised 5.2 per cent of the Alignment voters, 10.5 per cent of the Likud and 13.3 per cent of the floating voters.

Asked "Do you favour or oppose the internal organization of settlers in Judea and Samaria to assure their safety?", 47.1 per cent of all those polled opposed the idea, compared to 37.9 per cent who favoured it and 15 per cent who did not respond.

According to party affiliation, however, 49.4 per cent of Likud voters favoured such an organization (35.1 per cent opposed and 15.5 per cent with no opinion), compared to 26.5 per cent of Alignment voters (62.3 per cent opposed and 11.2 per cent with no opinion). In the floating vote category, 37.9 per cent approved, 43.9 per cent opposed and 18.2 per cent were undecided.

## 'Ha'ir' offices wrecked

TEL AVIV. — An irate neighbour burst into the editorial offices of the local weekly Ha'ir on Rehov Geula at 3 a.m. yesterday and began wrecking the place. The woman broke a photo copy machine, threw items on the floor and smashed a windowpane before police arrived to arrest her.

The woman told the police that the weekly's offices, located on the second and third floor of a residential building, were very noisy and disturbed her.

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## U.S. general hanged for 'army's crimes'

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP). — The FBI is investigating the death of a two-star general whose body was found bound and hanged with a note pinned to his chest which reportedly said his death was for "crimes by the U.S. Army against the people of the world."

U.S. Army reserve Maj.-Gen. Robert Ownby's body was found Wednesday in a headquarters building on Fort Sam Houston. The FBI said the general was dressed in civilian clothes and a note pinned to his body said the death was not a suicide, but no one has claimed responsibility.

Federal authorities would not reveal the note's exact contents, but The Washington Post reported yesterday that the note read:

"Captured, tried, convicted of crimes by the U.S. Army against the people of the world, sentenced and executed."

The Post said Pentagon sources said the note may have been planted by a killer to hide another motive. Ownby, 48, commander of the 90th U.S. Army Reserve Command, was found about 6:40 a.m. by an employee. FBI agent Pat Cowley said, Cowley said he knew of no reason to suspect the killing was the

act of a terrorist.

"There was no apparent sign of a struggle," he said. "We've heard nothing from anybody since the body was found. No one claimed credit."

The Post reported Ownby appeared to have been beaten and that a second note, its contents not disclosed, was found.

Ownby's body was found hanging from a stairway connecting the first and second floors, Cowley said. The major-general's hands had been tied behind his back with a belt, he said.

Ownby's car was parked outside the building and covered with frost, which indicated he probably was inside the building Tuesday night, Cowley said.

A base spokesman said: "It was not unusual for him to be there late at night. To my knowledge he was alone in the building. He often worked late."

Ownby, who became the youngest two-star general in the U.S. Army upon his February 1982 promotion, spent three years on active duty. He served most of that time as a platoon leader with the 3rd Infantry, the presidential honour guard responsible for security in the Washington, D.C. area.

## U.S., China sign accords on industrial cooperation

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. and China signed agreements on industrial technological cooperation yesterday, and President Reagan said he was "more convinced than ever" of the need for good relations between the two nations.

In signing ceremonies at the White House, Reagan said that in his talks with visiting Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang, the two leaders had agreed on "a number of questions." He said that "though our strategy sometimes concurs and sometimes differs," both countries stand for "peace and stability in the world."

Reagan also announced that he would visit China in April. Zhao said his visit showed "some progress" in U.S.-Chinese relations.

He said he is convinced that the American people want relations between the countries to develop further, and that there are good prospects for "amicable co-existence" between the two countries.

He said his delegation's "friendly, candid and serious talks" in Washington enhanced "mutual understanding," but that "much remains to be done to solve the outstanding problems between us." He said he looks forward to "more substantial content" in talks between himself and Reagan in April in Beijing.

On trade ties between the two nations, Reagan said, "Any business deal that makes sense is based on mutual benefit."

## Proposed plane could get anywhere in just two hours

ST. LOUIS (AP). — McDonnell Douglas Corporation is developing techniques developed for the U.S. space shuttle to create an airplane that could fly anywhere in the world in less than two hours, an official said on Wednesday.

"An F-15 Eagle fighter can fly from Maine to the Indian Ocean in 17 hours," said Paul Cyszk, programme manager for transatmospheric vehicles. A transatmospheric plane could make the same trip in less than two hours.

Cyszk and a team of engineers have been working on the plane's design for several months, since the U.S. Air Force asked them to investigate the possibility of a plane which could take off from Earth, propel itself into suborbital flight

and then return to the atmosphere for a conventional flight.

"I'm going to take off vertically, streak into a 152,400 metre-high orbit, and then descend into the atmosphere to fly more or less like a conventional plane but at higher speeds," said Art Robertson, deputy programme manager.

Robertson said a transatmospheric plane could fly at 4,800 kph., four times the speed of sound, due to the thin atmosphere at that height. It could potentially increase that speed to 30 times the speed of sound.

He said the next step will be to build a prototype, and he predicted the craft could be in operation by the year 2000.

## Tamil rebels kill 2 policemen in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (AP). — Two policemen were killed and a third seriously injured at Point Pedro in Sri Lanka as Tamil guerrillas struck Wednesday in an apparent bid to sabotage current all-party talks.

The gunmen, riding in a hijacked jeep belonging to the office of the local superintendent of health services, stopped a police jeep on

routine patrol and shot two constables dead and injured the third before driving off, authorities said. Police said no arrests were made.

Sri Lanka has suffered recurring violence among its ethnic groups. Sinhalese make up 74 per cent of the population, Tamils 18 per cent, and Muslims and Christians the remainder.

## Fugitive may be sweetening Cuban economy

HAVANA (AP). — Short on oil and long on sugar, Cuba is looking for ways to convert miles of cane plantations into fields of energy. And U.S. investigators say the search has been led by Robert Vesco, the fugitive American financier.

American authorities say Vesco, reportedly given refuge here by President Fidel Castro, masterminded a sophisticated scheme to smuggle U.S. sugar-to-fuel technology into Cuba, a plan eventually broken up by U.S. customs agents.

One alleged participant has been imprisoned in Texas, another reportedly slain in Mexico, and a third is on the run. Vesco himself remains elusive.

The case highlights Cuba's continued frustration with a U.S. trade embargo that has foiled its development efforts repeatedly over the past 23 years.

The Cubans will confirm only that they are interested in the forbidden oil-saving technology. As for Vesco, "I know absolutely nothing about him or where he is," Deputy Foreign Minister Ricardo Alarcon said recently.

The State Department, which had no comment on Cuba's sugar to



Robert Vesco (AP)

energy plan, says it does not know where Vesco is.

Vesco fled the U.S. a decade ago after being charged with looting an investment firm, Investors Overseas Services, of \$224 million, and has since lived in several Caribbean-area countries. He dropped from sight in 1982 after being expelled from Costa Rica.

If he or anyone else were able to deliver advanced sugar-cane "pelletization" technology to Cuba, it would be a boon to this economically struggling island, whose central

plains are carpeted with cane plantations.

In pelletization, the bagasse — the moist fibre left after sugar is extracted from cane — is dried out and compressed into inch-long pellets that can be burned in boilers, to run turbines producing electricity.

"We have made an analysis, and bagasse would permit us to substitute for one million tons of fuel oil per year," Herminio Garcia Lazo, vice-president of Cuba's Central Planning Board, said in a recent interview.

The Cubans now depend on Soviet oil — 12 million tons per year — for 75 per cent of their energy needs.

The pelletizing system not only would make Cuba less of a burden for the Soviet Union, which sells oil to it at half price, but also would make better use of sugar cane that now sells at world prices barely equal to production costs.

The technology includes not just the pellet-making machines, whose leading manufacturer is California Pellet Mills of San Francisco, but also a complex of electronic equipment, made by various U.S. firms, to control the difficult drying process.

## 220 students arrested in Peru

LIMA (Reuters). — Eleven policemen were injured and 220 students arrested yesterday in a violent demonstration by Peruvian university students, police said.

Students said 20 of them were injured and that some suffered bullet wounds in a protest demanding higher university budgets.

Police said approximately 5,000 students burned tires and set up brick barriers on downtown streets, blocking traffic. They said the demonstrators also threw stones at shops, breaking large display windows.

Police said they used batons to disperse the demonstration, but they had no reports on student injuries.

In addition to more money for higher education, the students were also demanding continuation of reduced transport fares for students and an increase in the total university population.

Julio Lazo, president of the Federation of University students, said student leaders had attempted to present a petition to President Fernando Belaunde at government house.

## Aussie PM hints at early elections

SYDNEY (Reuters). — Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke, elected to office 10 months ago for a three-year term, hinted yesterday that he might call an early poll.

The Labour prime minister told a Sydney news conference he believed Australians would prefer to have an election for the House of Representatives at the same time as a poll for half the senate, due late this year or early in 1985.

"We'll think about this as we go along, but if we do make a decision, it will be one which is totally in accord with the normal historical practices of this country," he added.

Labour swept to power last March in a snap election called by defeated conservative prime minister Malcolm Fraser.

## Cholera epidemic kills 47 in Bangladesh

CHITTAGONG, Bangladesh (AP). — A cholera epidemic in the vicinity of this port city has claimed 47 lives during the past four weeks, doctors said.

A medical team said that drinking impure water from open ponds caused the outbreak.

## Nine more Soviet SS-20s reportedly deployed in Asia

BRUSSELS. — Moscow has deployed a new battery of nine SS-20 rockets in the eastern part of the Soviet Union, a NATO spokesman said here.

Missiles previously deployed in this region are believed to be aimed at China, according to intelligence officials.

James Dobbins, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for European affairs and spokesman for the NATO group, said the new missiles were added after the November 23, 1983 walkout by the Soviets at talks to reduce the numbers of such missiles.

Geneva negotiators were trying to set limits on all Soviet SS-20s and all intermediate range nuclear weapons under U.S. control in western Europe. The deployment brings the number of the mobile 5,000-kilometre range missiles to 378, with 1,134 warheads.

"In the light of the (Soviet) buildup, it is particularly difficult to understand the Soviet contention that the beginning of NATO deployment in any way justified their discontinuing the negotiations," Dobbins said after a meeting of NATO's intermediate range arms advisory committee.

A U.S. official, who asked not to be identified, said the SS-20s were

## U.S. soldier killed in Honduran exercise

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — A U.S. Army pilot was killed in Honduras on Wednesday when his helicopter was forced down and fired on near the Nicaraguan border, the Pentagon said.

His two passengers, both U.S. Army engineers, were taken to a nearby hospital where they were treated and released, the Pentagon added.

A government spokesman in Tegucigalpa said that Nicaraguan troops shot down the U.S. helicopter inside Honduran territory.

The pilot and engineers were taking part in the "Big Pine II" joint exercises with Honduran troops. It

was the first U.S. fatality in the exercises which have involved some 5,000 American servicemen in the past six months.

Pentagon officials said the OH-58 observation helicopter made a forced landing on a southern Honduran road near the Nicaraguan border, between San Lorenzo and Aguacate.

They were not able to say immediately why the helicopter came down, whether under fire or because of mechanical trouble. But after the helicopter landed, the pilot and two engineers came under fire from the direction of the Nicaraguan border from "a person or persons unknown."

## 15 years for stealing \$11 million

NEW YORK (AP). — A night watchman and a travel agent were sentenced yesterday to 15 years in prison for stealing \$11.2 million from a company that transports money in armoured cars, in what may be the largest cash theft in U.S. history. A third defendant was sentenced to four years.

The watchman, Christos

Potamitis, 25, was convicted of larceny and of lying to Federal investigators in claiming he was the victim of masked gunmen who overcame him in the Sentry Armoured Courier Corp.'s depot on December 12, 1982.

Travel agent Eddie Argitakos, 24, was described by Judge Edward Weinfeld as the mastermind of a fake holdup that camouflaged a carefully planned inside job.

Potamitis and Argitakos were also fined \$35,000 each.

Argitakos's father, Steve Argitakos, 58, was sentenced to four years in prison and fined \$5,000 for helping conceal stolen money.

About \$10 million have not yet been recovered.

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ing complex at Sarcheshmeh in Iran's southeastern Kerman province will begin production shortly.

## Sports

### Olympic side's final bow

By PAUL KOHN  
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel bowed out of 1984 Olympic soccer with a 2-1 defeat by Portugal in Lisbon on Wednesday night, after Eli Yanni had given Israel the lead in the 16th minute. It was the last game in the qualifying group, which West Germany had already topped.

It was against the run of play that Gil Landau broke out of defence and centred to Zhai Armeli, who delivered a perfect pass to Yanni, who shot Israel into the lead. Portugal equalized 10 minutes later, when Murassa beat Arie Alter from

close range.

In the second half, Israel counter-attacked more frequently, with Gabby Lasry and David Pizanti raiding along the wings. Eli Ohana was brought on for Armeli in the 75th minute, but three minutes later Fredrick headed Portugal's winning goal.

Gil Landau and Lasry were best for Israel's Olympic team.

The result left Israel in third place behind Portugal, the final standings read:

	W	L	Goals	Pts.
1. West Germany	3	1	7-3	4
2. Portugal	2	2	5-6	2
3. Israel	1	3	2-5	2

### SOCCER PREVIEW

## The draw defies logic

By PAUL KOHN  
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — National League teams enter the State Cup fray in tomorrow's soccer, and by a quirk of the Football Association logic, all face opposition from lower leagues. This draw loads the odds very heavily in favour of the First Division teams, but every year some minnows do pull off giant-killer acts. One never quite knows when and where this will occur.

Two fourth division teams still battling it out are Maccabi Beersheba and Maccabi Acre, both of which will be seen in action at the Bloomfield Stadium. They have virtually impossible tasks, the stout defenders of Acre meeting the mighty men of Shimshon. Damti.

Ben Shitrit and Shlomo Mizrahi are not likely to show pity on their visitors.

Maccabi Tel Aviv should also be too powerful for the Beershebas.

The YMCA stadium in Jerusalem will stage a double-header. Be'er playing in the semi-finals against Third Division Be'er Hatzor, and Maccabi Tel Aviv against Hapoel Ramat Gan.

In Netanya, last season's national champion Maccabi play a local derby against Be'er Netanya from the Third Division. The only game in this match is probably a heavy one, as Be'er Netanya are a strong team.

In-form Second Division side Hapoel Hadera may well topple Maccabi Jaffa from the off a surprise. Hapoel Hadera will have forgotten that Hapoel Yehud won 4-0 at the same ground (against Hapoel Lod) last Saturday.

## Noah gets a surprise

NEW YORK (AP). — Frenchman Yannick Noah says that what surprised him most about Tomas Smid's plain but effective play on Wednesday night was that "He beat me."

"I wanted to do my best. I thought I had a good chance to win," said Noah, who had the crowd on his side at Madison Square Garden, where he lost 6-4, 6-4 to the Czechoslovak in a first-round match. In another match, Ecuador's Andres Gomez, downed Eliot Teltscher 7-6, 6-2.

Smid set a consistent if not spectacular pace against Noah, who sent several easy smash opportunities into the net.

"He missed a lot of easy shots today," Smid said of his opponent. Gomez broke Teltscher, who is 13th on the Atari-ATP computer rankings, in the third game of the

second set, completely dominating the Californian from the baseline and mixing up his strong groundstrokes with perfectly placed lobs that caught Teltscher at the net. The American sealed his own doom when he double-faulted at break point.

Teltscher also lost his service in the seventh game, dropping the last two points on unforced errors. Gomez then closed out the match by holding serve.

Despite the defeat, Teltscher drew respect from the crowd, when Gomez served what appeared to be an ace. A linesperson called a fault, but Teltscher simply walked off the court, conceding the point and the game.

Explaining why he was able to beat Teltscher, Gomez said, "It's the beginning of the year," adding that he was "kind of relaxed."

## Windies are walloped

MELBOURNE (AP). — An unprecedented West Indian batting collapse enabled the hapless Pakistanis to win a memorable 97-run victory in the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup cricket match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground here yesterday.

"I hope we don't have any more days like this," lamented West Indian captain Clive Lloyd after his side had slumped to their lowest total ever in one day cricket. They were bundled out for 111 in 41.4 overs.

Early in the day, it seemed that Pakistan had not hit up enough runs at 208 for eight off their allotted 50 overs to keep the West Indies at

bay. But a courageous batting performance from diminutive "Man of the Match" Qasim Omar and a brilliant bowling spell by 20-year-old Azeem Hafeez, 4 for 22, gave Pakistan their first win in the one-day international series.

Pakistan, West Indies and Australia all have one win from two games since the start of the series last Sunday.

In Palmerston North, New Zealand, spinner Vic Marks bagged five wickets to help England in a strong position on the second day of a three-day cricket match against the Districts here yesterday. The provincial side's innings closed at 168 all out, 126 runs behind England's first innings total of 294 for six declared.

England were 105 for three in their second innings at stumps. (Fowler 72 not out)

## Nuggets strike golden lode

NEW YORK (AP). — The Denver Nuggets and San Antonio Spurs combined on Wednesday night to score the most points in a regulation game in National Basketball Association history. The Nuggets defeated the Spurs 163-155. Kiki Vandeweghe scored 50 points for Denver.

The previous top regulation total was 316, achieved twice — on March 2, 1962, when Philadelphia defeated New York 169-147 and Wilt Chamberlain scored a record 100 points.

## Marathon runners get leg up

By JACK LEON  
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The marathon committees of the Israeli Athletic Association and Hapoel have each appointed American International Peace Race director Jack Cessna as their representative on the U.S.

East Coast and Midwest regions. The celebrated 25-km Peace Race is held annually in Youngstown, Ohio, with many world stars among the 2,000 men and women participants from 20 countries on every continent.

Cessna will first be engaged in sending athletes here for Hapoel's fourth annual Tel Aviv Marathon and 20-km "mini-marathon," which takes place together on March 19, run director David Said reported. Cessna has just returned home after attending last month's seventh Sea of Galilee International Marathon and meeting with IAA and Hapoel heads.

He will then arrange to bring runners to the IAA's eighth Galilee Marathon next December. Association general-secretary Avi Stein said this week that Cessna plans an entry of several top athletes from the U.S., Latin America and Africa, plus a group of 60 American joggers who will combine participation in the marathon with a package tour of the country.

## Tennis tourney starts

By JACK LEON  
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Tennis Association's second annual Sabena all-star winter circuit got under way this week-end at Hador Yosef's Kivshon Ha'Vends here, with the participation of all the country's top 40 men players, apart from Shlomo Glickstein. Matches start at 1 p.m. today and resume at 9 a.m. tomorrow. The series continues at Hador Yosef next week-end and then moves to Tel Aviv's Maccabi Tennis Centre in Jerusalem. Each tournament will be played off over two week-ends, with the overall winner and semi-finalist receiving prizes of return air tickets to Europe.

The country's leading women players will join the circuit later, when Orly Shalita, Rachel Binyamin and Ruthi Shvedoff return home from their current U.S. tour. ITA general secretary Zvi Meyer said last night.

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# 'No light at the end...'

The Jerusalem Post's Charles Hoffman attends a symposium of social scientists on inflation and labour relations

MOST ISRAELIS woke up on the "morning after" the New Year with a terrible hangover, but it was not from an excess of drink. The quarterly interest payments on bank overdrafts created bigger headaches for the average family than a bit of partying ever could. And the worst thing is that the financial malaise shows no signs of wearing off.

Many people saw the interest charges devour their salaries as soon as they were transferred to the bank, with the overdraft starting to spiral upward once again. The problem used to be how to finish the month on one's salary, now it is how to start the month when the overdraft from the previous month wipes it out.

Israelis have found themselves caught in a vise the likes of which has not been experienced for many years. With the reversal of the Treasury's "proper economics" in October, which was signalled by a big devaluation and a slash in subsidies of basic commodities, prices have climbed rapidly, as much as 150 per cent for some basic products.

Real wages were thus ground down while relief from the quarterly cost-of-living increment was still months away. Only next month, when the increment is paid, will we see just how far our incomes have dropped behind our expenses. That a gap will still appear is certain, but what is also clear is that people will not be able to use the overdraft to plug the gaps with the same abandon as in the past, since interest charges have shot up, too, and are now to be charged monthly.

THE LINKAGE mechanisms that have enabled people to cope with triple-digit inflation until now, while simultaneously adding fuel to the process, have now begun to backfire.

Salaries are adjusted only every three months, and then at only 85 per cent of the rise in the consumer price index. But prices in stores and supermarkets now jump several times a month, aided and abetted by computerized cash registers that allow you to punch in the code of each item instead of the price. The computer "knows" the prices now, which change too fast for the staff at the check-out counters to keep up with anyway.

Mortgages and other financial obligations are linked monthly, while salaries are not. A creeping "dollarization" in commerce links the price of goods to be delivered to the exchange rate for the dollar, which changes daily, instead of the consumer price index, which is now considered too sluggish an instrument to keep businesses in pace with inflation.

Even the stock market, which enabled hundreds of thousands of households to keep up with, and even profit from, inflation, has turned sour. Assets whose value soared over the past few years have practically vanished.

All across the board, expenses, obligations and interest charges are going up faster than salaries. "Real" inflation, as opposed to the phoney variety the country had under Ahdor, has finally hit. With it may come the dreaded spread of unemployment.

Virtually overnight the government has changed the rules by which ordinary citizens have run their lives for the past several years of high inflation. As the country plunges into the unknown territory of hyperinflation, what will happen to the fabric of trust and commitment that holds the body politic together? At what point will it begin to rip apart?

THESE QUESTIONS occupied a symposium of social scientists at Tel Aviv University, who gathered recently to discuss inflation and labour relations in Israel. The participants heard papers by Dr. Abraham Friedman of the Hebrew University, who is a former civil service commissioner, and by Dr. Zvi Maimon, of Tel Aviv University.

No one was more aware than the researchers themselves of the limitations of their survey data on attitudes to inflation and labour relations, with the economic situa-

tion now changing weekly, even daily.

Friedman was in a relatively good position since his survey was conducted in late November and early December. Maimon's information, however, was gathered in the relatively tranquil days of last April.

Still, they were convinced that trends from their results could be extrapolated to present conditions and future problems.

"People just don't see the light at the end of the tunnel," said Friedman wearily. About 75 per cent of his sample believed that the government is not doing a very good job in dealing with economic problems.

The public's confidence in the government's ability to deal with these problems has been declining over the last several years," he said.

Half of those interviewed said that they had no faith in their economic future, although more expressed such faith in the past. This is reflected in their willingness to save, Friedman said, pointing out that only 1 per cent was willing now to invest in stocks. "Everything people have seems to be going for current consumption," he concluded.

LACK OF FAITH in the government's ability, however, seems to be balanced by a surprising readiness to make sacrifices to improve the economic situation. Over 40 per cent said that they were personally willing to take a cut in their salaries if this would prevent unemployment from growing.

"That's what people seem to be really afraid of — unemployment. And to do this, they are willing to go along with the government."

Friedman believes that the government is now leading them in the wrong direction and is squandering this reservoir of willingness to sacrifice. "If the Treasury has taken the position that unemployment is unavoidable, then it should take the necessary steps here first."

"By hitting real wages first, it creates a double resistance: to cutting wages now and to increasing joblessness at a later stage. It should have used this willingness to accept pay cuts as a lever to deal with unemployment first."

Stable labour relations, he said, is founded on an interlinked triad of "safe anchorages" for the individual, that shape his personal security.

FIRST, the individual must "know where he stands" in relation to price rises. He found a considerable degree of confidence that the consumer price index published by the Central Bureau of Statistics reflects the real impact of inflation.

Looking at the second anchorage, he found that the public's faith in the compensation mechanisms for inflation — the cost-of-living increment and wage agreements — had declined recently. A large proportion also felt that the Histadrut has helped preserve the level of real wages. This was before the meagre results of the cost-of-living advance agreement became apparent, he noted drily.

The third anchorage is confidence in the government's economic policy, and in this area Friedman found the most extensive decline.

For him, this added up to a feeling that as the situation worsened for the average family, the bitterness about the legitimacy of the entire system would spread and deepen.

Maimon took a more detailed look at what people think about inflation and how it affects their behaviour. It was pointed out during the discussion that his survey assumed that inflation was uniformly bad for people, and omitted con-



(Ze'ev Ackerman)

sideration of how some might profit from it, for example through the pre-October stock market.

He found that one-third of the sample felt that inflation considerably lowered their standard of

living, and that another 37 per cent felt that it lowered their standard of living to some extent.

BUT DESPITE the objective burden of inflation over the last few

years, Maimon found that just under half of the families he surveyed felt that their income was adequate for most of their needs, and half of them felt that their situation was similar to that of most other families

in Israel.

Related to this was the finding that 5 per cent felt that their income was more than they deserved; 70 per cent felt that they were getting what they deserved, and 25 per cent less than they deserved.

Those who said they were getting what they deserve tended to be less disturbed by the impact of inflation. Maimon stressed that this reflected their subjective evaluation of their situation and their standing in relation to others.

This implies that discontent with inflation might rise if these subjective feelings changed for the worse.

More ominous is the finding that back in the halcyon days of April, more than 70 per cent believed that the economic burden of the government's policies was not distributed fairly.

The segment of the public most troubled by inflation, which contains a higher proportion of Jews of Middle Eastern background, also tended to hold that the government demands too much of its citizens and that the burden is not distributed fairly. This group — about one-third of the sample last year — would probably be larger now.

Maimon also found a low level of

confidence in the compensation mechanisms of the cost-of-living increments and wage agreements. Only between 12 and 15 per cent felt that these arrangements provided full or nearly full compensation. The low confidence in these mechanisms was linked with a high willingness to strike, another indicator which could be extrapolated to the present with ominous implications.

The participants in the seminar wisely refrained from making facile comparisons between the hyperinflation now emerging and historical examples, such as Germany in the early 1920s.

More enlightening, but also more foreboding, was a sketch of a "low-trust society" made by one participant that could be created by the vicious cycle of hyperinflation.

Unfulfilled economic expectations lead to unregulated pressures from different sectors on the government, which is unable to meet them or which responds inconsistently. This, in turn, leads to a collapse in trust between citizens and between citizens and the government, which is seen to be incapable of dealing effectively or fairly with the problems.

The commitment to make sacrifices for long-term goals weakens, and with it the connection between present effort and future rewards. Feelings of powerlessness and apathy spread, with unpredictable political consequences.

The question of whether Israel is now headed in this direction hung like a dark cloud over the discussion.

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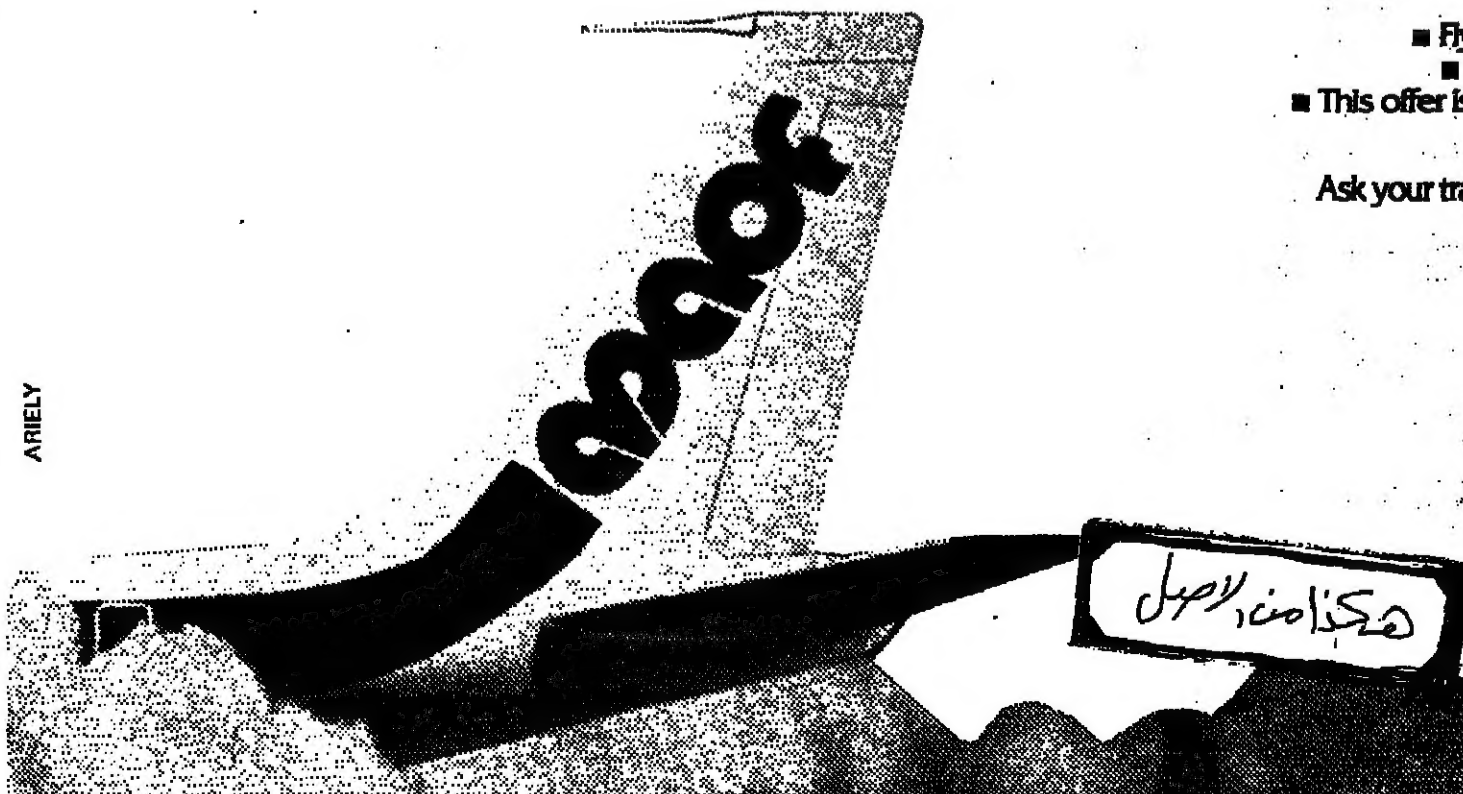
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"THIS IS the Year of Negotiations," says Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, one of the leading moderate Palestinian leaders in the West Bank.

But the mayor was clearly uncertain, judging by the tone of his remarks this week, whether to end this assessment with an exclamation mark, indicating optimism, or a question mark, betraying the little hope that keeps him from the inactivity of total despair.

Like most West Bankers, Freij was trying to assess what lay behind this week's reconvening of the long-suspended Jordanian parliament and the king's appointment of a new cabinet. As events unfolded in the Jordanian capital, most people adopted a wait-and-see attitude, hoping that King Hussein would make his intentions clear in a speech to the parliament originally planned for Thursday. That has now been postponed until Monday because of Hussein's hospitalization for a bleeding ulcer.

Palestinian observers, like Israeli observers, agreed that the reconvening of the parliament, formally suspended in 1974 and inactive for even longer, and the appointment of a new cabinet, were prompted by internal Jordanian considerations. The timing of these moves, however, was deliberately intended to signal to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, to the moderate Arab states, to the U.S., to West Bankers and to Israel that Hussein might at long last get into negotiations. The king has positioned himself for re-asserting sovereignty over the West Bank.

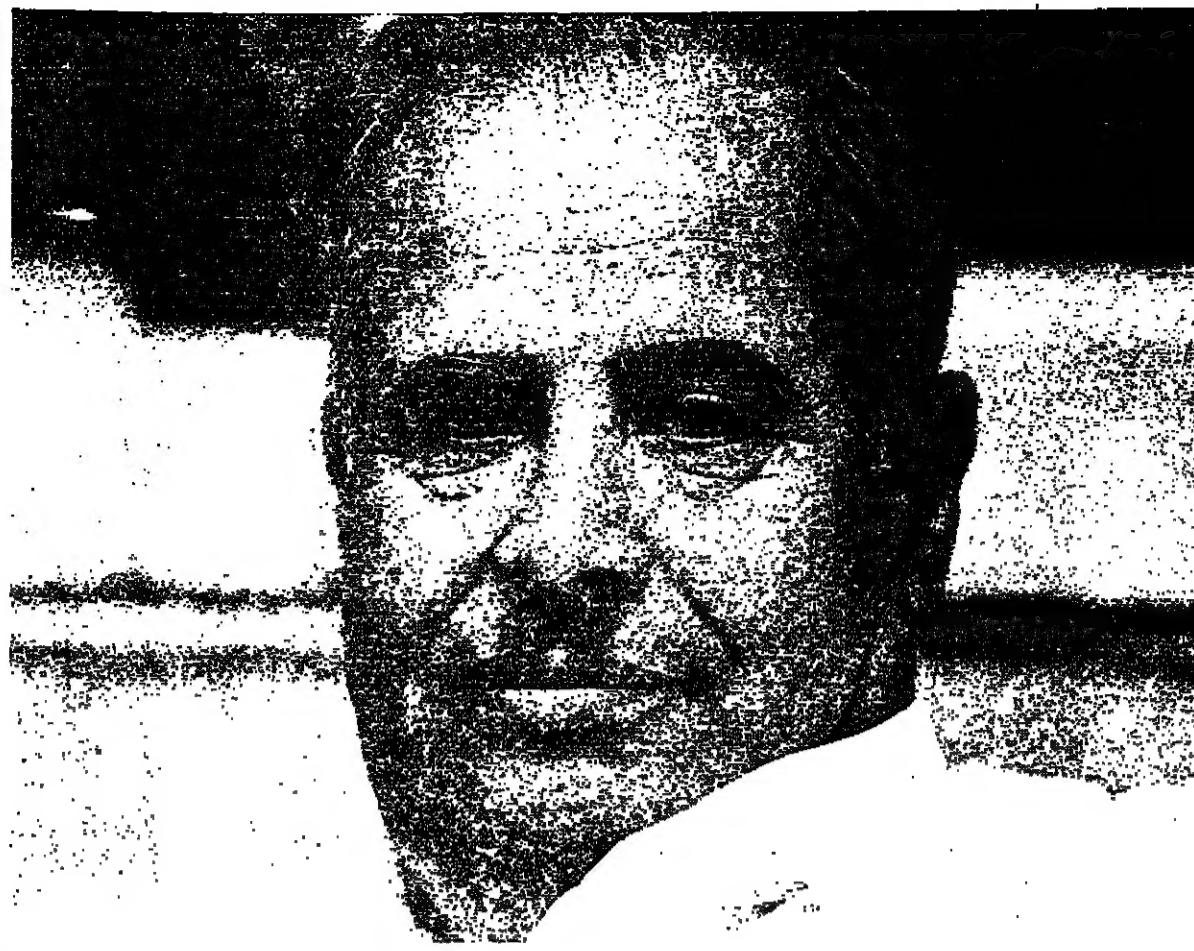
Hence the appointment of seven Palestinians as ministers in the new cabinet, rather than the mere replacement of the five who served in the outgoing government, is regarded as significant. Several of these Palestinians have been appointed to key positions, most notably Taher al-Masri, nephew of the leading Nablus pro-Jordanian leader Hikmat al-Masri.

Shaukat Mahmoud, the minister for the Occupied Territories, comes from the village of Harbata, near

# THE YEAR OF NEGOTIATION

The Post's David Richardson talks to Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij (below) about the latest developments in Jordan.

**'One cannot really rule out an adventurous move by Arafat'**



Ramallah, and in fact established this ministry. His contacts with, and knowledge of, the West Bank make him an ideal manipulator of opinion here to suit the king's ends.

IN HIS MESSAGE to the new cabinet, Hussein still stressed that the PLO was "the sole legitimate representative" of the Palestinian

people, using that now almost mystical phrase to place himself within the Arab consensus which emerged from the 1974 Rabat summit. But at the same time, the king staked his claim to a special Jordanian-Palestinian relationship. The East Bank and the West Bank of the Jordan were "partners for good or for bad," he noted: what

happens to one will affect the other. While the future of the West Bank is a general Arab problem it is a far more intimate Jordanian concern.

Freij anticipated that the crunch would come if and when Arafat came to Amman, and if he concluded an agreement with Hussein on Jordanian representation of the issue in peace negotiations. But, the

mayor noted, irrespective of Rabat the king is obliged, under the constitution, to continue to represent the West Bank. He cannot cede the West Bank without an act of parliament. If Hussein, acting through the new cabinet, came to parliament and asked for a vote of confidence on moving without the PLO or, conversely, acting to secure exclusively

East Bank interests, Freij had no doubt that he would receive it.

Although Arafat's options appear extremely limited, his ability to agree now to give the king the power of attorney he was unable to sign last spring is also in doubt. For all the shocks the PLO has suffered since then, Arafat can still only appear to count on the unequivocal

support of five of the eight Fatah representatives on the 15-man executive committee of the Palestine National Council.

"After all, Hussein accepts 242 and the Reagan Plan, Arafat does not," said Freij. "There is no real common ground between them. The Reagan Plan offers nothing in particular to Arafat, and he could wind up as chairman of no more than a charitable organization concerned with the wellbeing of refugees outside Israel and Jordan."

ARAFAT now lacks an administrative centre, Freij noted.

"He can't really operate between San'a and Tunis. He should be operating between Amman and Cairo. If he doesn't come to terms with Amman, will he still be welcome in Cairo? Seen in this light, one cannot really rule out an adventurous move by Arafat."

Freij, an acknowledged pro-Jordanian politician, feels that if the king decided to go ahead alone, he could call on, and count on, the support of the majority of West Bankers. But given the famed, if not notorious caution of the Hashemite ruler he is unlikely to do anything so dramatic.

Arafat, to even though he takes the support of West Bankers too much for granted, could still spoil things for the king by using radical nationalists in the West Bank to sabotage pro-Jordanian moves. "If things got out of hand, it could go as far as the assassination of moderate political leaders here," Freij said.

However, the mayor's real pessimism stems from his anticipation that the current Israeli government will do everything it can to scuttle serious negotiations with Jordan.

"Ironically, by removing the radical mayors and outlawing the National Guidance Committee, the Israelis have removed their best ally on this," he said.

What would be left for local Palestinians if Arafat doesn't give the green light and Jordan doesn't go ahead on its own?

"Nothing," said Freij. "Without Jordan we cannot move an inch."

## Anti-Semitism and the CIA

By WOLF BLITZER / Post Washington Correspondent

AN ARTICLE in last month's *Washingtonian* magazine raised the matter of American Jews serving in sensitive U.S. national security jobs involving Israel and the Middle East. Is there still a built-in suspicion of a dual loyalty that has kept Jews out of these positions, especially at the Central Intelligence Agency?

Yes, according to Dale Van Atta, the author of the article which was entitled "God And Man At The CIA." Van Atta is an investigative reporter who works for nationally syndicated columnist Jack Anderson. Over the years, Van Atta has specialized in national security issues.

He notes that Jews "have come a long way" in making advances in recent years. But there are still problems.

"Because they were considered to be naturally pro-Israel and therefore suspect, Jews were not actively recruited," he said. A former senior CIA official was quoted as saying: "It was an unwritten rule that we didn't want any Jews working on the Middle East problem. So most of the analysts were Arabists — they had studied in Egypt, Syria and the like, or were children of businessmen and others who had lived there."

Van Atta pointed out that for two decades the Israeli desk in the CIA was "tucked away in the counter-intelligence staff because its chief,

James Jesus Angleton, was chief liaison with Israeli intelligence. The desk has since been moved out of counter-intelligence, and a number of Jews have attained prominent positions within the agency."

BUT HE ADDED that "suspicion lingers." He cited the circumstances surrounding the resignation of Max Hugel as chief of clandestine services only a few weeks after CIA director William Casey named him to that slot in 1981.

Thus, Van Atta wrote: "The old-boy network successfully aided the ouster of Hugel by 'playing on the mistrust of Jews... widespread whispering at Langley insinuated that Hugel, a Jew, was leaking information to the Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service.'"

Understandably, that suggestion infuriated Hugel, a wealthy New Hampshire businessman who had worked closely with Casey in Ronald Reagan's 1980 presidential campaign.

Shortly after Casey named Hugel, *The Washington Post* published front-page allegations from two of Hugel's former business associates charging that he had been involved

in some improper deals many years earlier. Hugel strongly denied the charges, but resigned in order to spare Casey and the president any further political embarrassment.

Since then, he has worked aggressively to try to clear his name. He has filed suit against his two accusers, Tom and Sam McNell, but they have mysteriously disappeared.

There, of course, had been resentment to Hugel's appointment among many CIA professionals. They did not like an outsider brought into that position, especially someone without much experience in the intelligence business.

As it was, they were not happy with Casey's own appointment by Reagan to head the agency. Cord Meyer, a former CIA agent who now writes a newspaper column, first brought the displeasure over Hugel's appointment to the surface with an article condemning the appointment.

Others quickly followed, generating momentum against



William Casey

Hugel. It was then that *The Washington Post* came forward with the McNell charges.

Bob Woodward, who co-authored the story, dismissed the as-

sertion that anti-Semitism played a role in the Hugel affair. In an interview, he said he did not come across any evidence to support such a contention: during his investigation of the McNell accusations and the events leading up to Hugel's decision to leave the CIA.

Hugel also told me that he does not believe anti-Semitism played a role. But he still is pressing the CIA as well as *Washingtonian* magazine to look further into the matter in order to clarify it once and for all. Since reporting the initial anti-Hugel accusations, *The Washington Post* has dropped its coverage of the matter, including the disappearance of the two McNell brothers. Woodward told me they probably were seeking to run away from debts.

HUGEL'S ATTORNEY, Paul L. Perito, wrote to James H. Taylor, the CIA inspector-general, proposing an investigation. In the letter, Hugel denied that he has passed information to the Mossad.

"Moreover, our client is understandably disturbed to read the suggestion that his resignation was the result of intra-agency anti-Semitism — a suggestion he believes is totally without merit," Perito continued.

"Mr. Hugel is concerned, however, that since these charges have surfaced publicly, they will damage the integrity of, and public confidence in, the CIA. In addition, Mr. Hugel is concerned that these opinions will cause damage to his personal reputation and character."

"For these reasons, he hereby respectfully requests your office immediately to initiate an investigation of these charges to assess their truth and accuracy. Mr. Hugel is confident that a full inquiry into all of the facts will establish conclusively that these allegations are without merit or substance."

The CIA declined to comment when I asked about the allegations. "We'll have to refer you to Mr. Hugel," said spokesman Dale Peterson.

Perito has received a reply from the CIA inspector-general denying that anti-Semitism played any role whatsoever in the incident: "There is no 'anti-Semitic old-boy network' in the agency," wrote Taylor. "No such cabal was responsible for Mr. Hugel's departure, nor was there any indication of, or concern about, improper support by Mr. Hugel to Israel."

Taylor continued: "We, no less than you, are deeply concerned that there be no damage to public confidence in the CIA. We realize, however, that from time to time, negative comments about the agency and its personnel will receive airing. My office cannot involve itself each time we read some bald assertions unaccompanied by any factual support."

publisher Philip Merrill, Perito wrote: "Mr. Hugel is also outraged by the suggestion that CIA policy and personnel are manipulated by an anti-Semitic 'old-boy' network. If in fact Mr. Van Atta or someone assisting him actually has information concerning an anti-Semitic conspiracy to remove Mr. Hugel from office, we believe that such information should be divulged in order to permit full investigation of these serious charges."

John Sansing, executive editor of the magazine, said in an interview that he was in touch with Hugel's lawyer and intended to find some mutually acceptable forum for Hugel's denials to be published, probably in the form of a letter to the editor. "We'll do something," Sansing said.

Is there still lingering anti-Semitism in the U.S. governmental bureaucracy? Probably, but the fact also remains that many American Jews today do serve in extremely sensitive national security positions involving Israel and the Middle East. Henry Kissinger, after all, was secretary of state. Sol Linowitz and Robert Strauss were special Middle East envoys. At the CIA, the current general-counsel is Stanley Sporkin.

Is there fear that American Jews are leaking information to the Mossad? Not really, because veteran U.S. intelligence officials readily acknowledge that the degree of cooperation between the CIA and the Mossad is so close that the two organizations do not really have to spy on each other. Both sides agree it would not be worth the risks involved.

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WHY DON'T our leaders speak to us? Why don't they tell us what they intend doing to get us out of the morass? Why don't they tell us what they expect of us little guys?"

This plaintive plea by a sweaty factory hand recently shown on the television news is fairly representative of the feelings and confusion which characterize many Israelis trying to find their hands and feet in the spreading economic morass.

While it may be representative, it is not entirely accurate. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, whose lifelong penchant for secretiveness has not changed since he assumed the premiership at the age of 69, has indeed been as silent as a clam. But Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad has certainly not been silent about his prognoses and intentions.

The other cabinet ministers have, anything, been far too loquacious and too mutually contradictory for plain flesh and blood to make any sensible guess as to what is actually going to happen.

The problem is not that our leaders haven't been talking to us. Rather, they have been saying too many different things; moreover, only rarely has there been even a

modicum of correlation between what was being said and what was being done.

THE WORST PROBLEM confronting Israel today is neither the economy nor the situation in Lebanon. Rather, it is the shocking decline in the ability of our political leaders to govern in the most elementary sense of that term; and the concomitant undermining of public confidence in the country's political, military and economic leadership.

This did not begin with the Likud. The breakdown of public confidence began with the debacle of the first days of the Yom Kippur War over 10 years ago.

Confidence in the government's ability to manage the economy was never too great in Israel's first 25 years. But there was an all-too-understandable blind confidence in the leadership's ability to get us through the periodic flare-ups with our Arab enemies.

That blind confidence was the main victim of the Yom Kippur War. The era of scepticism, and even of cynicism, that was ushered in 10 years ago, made it unavoidable

## A crisis of confidence

By YOSEF GOELL

that confidence in other areas would also be constantly under threat.

IN SUCH a situation, governments and leaders had to perform better than they had in the previous 25 years. Instead, they performed worse. There is no denying that the Rabin government represented a definite decline in governing ability from the performance of earlier Labour governments.

And there is equally no denying that the Likud, instead of serving as a new broom after its electoral victory in 1977, took over from the

nadir of Labour misgovernment and proceeded to run the country into the ground.

There were a few impressive ministers in the first Begin government; and Moshe Arens, and possibly even Cohen-Orgad, given half a chance, would be a credit to any government.

But as a group, today's elected leaders of the sovereign Jewish people are little better than a bunch of jokers.

This is admittedly a painful charge to make for a people which prides itself, justifiably, on its intelligence and ability to survive and

overcome extraordinary blows. But nonetheless, it remains true.

THERE IS good reason to believe that no government programmes for reform in different areas, and especially not in the economy, will work unless the twin problems — quality of leadership and the restoration of public confidence — are tackled first.

In this context, the worst possible scenario would be one in which the present Likud coalition government falls because of its continued inability to overcome internal dissension; early elections are held; and the electorate votes for a reprise of the 1981 situation in which neither major party could form a government that could govern because of its total dependence on a number of single-issue splinter parties.

Early elections may well be unavoidable. But the most urgent task confronting the leaders of the Likud — and of Labour — is to collaborate, before such elections are held, on legislation to change the rules of the game that would end such paralyzing dependence once and for all.

RAISING THE THRESHOLD for the distribution of Knesset seats from the present ridiculously low 1 per cent to 5 per cent, as is the case in West Germany, for example, would result in a Knesset in which one of the two major parties could probably win an outright majority.

If the various religious factions could get their acts together, there would also be a religious party in the Knesset. If not, legitimate interests of the Orthodox minority could be represented by either of the two major parties who could be expected to be interested in not unnecessarily alienating the religious vote.

Arabs, if they could get their act together, could also make it over such a threshold and win representation in the Knesset. No additional division of Knesset seats is really necessary to make it possible for Israel to be governed well and fairly.

UPGRADING the level of the people who make it to the top in our major parties will remain a difficult problem, but the step recommended here, which could be accomplished in one fell swoop, would

go a long way to restoring public confidence in the workability of our political system.

Once the Likud and Labour agree on the holding of early elections it will also be possible for them to overcome the opposition of the smaller parties to such legislation.

At present, the small parties can threaten the Likud with abandoning the coalition and forming an alternative government with Labour. But once early elections are decided on, such a threat would remain an empty one.

Nor would this necessarily mean that the Likud would be committing electoral suicide. One should not be misled by the public opinion polls which currently show Labour way ahead. This was also the case in the early spring of 1981. And still, Labour blew it by the time election day came around.

Both major parties should take their chance on competing in a wide open election. But they owe it to the country to blow up the logjam that has made it impossible for the political system to deal with the country's real problems.

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VIOLENCE, rare and despised when sane, moral and positive Zionism fashioned the face of this nation, has become a staple of our daily diet. No wonder, when the country is governed by adherents to an ideology that holds, that the might of muscle, and not of mind, is the determining force in the affairs of nations. The disciples of the doctrine of force regard its uncontrolled and excessive application more as an irksome deviation than an immoral aberration. In the recess of their minds, they probably still cherish the memory of past excesses.

Violence and falsehood are twins. They grow where the soil is infested with the germs of inhumanity, the mind is deformed by distortions of the truth, the land is teeming with false prophets, the public climate fanned by intolerance; where social responsibility is crumbling and economic mismanagement rampant. Speculation, brutalization and "galutization" are perverting our society.

This is the setting not only for the frightening growth of political crime, but also for the accumulation of unresolved cases. Police files of investigations that bore no fruit are piling up on backroom shelves, waiting to fade into oblivion. Who still remembers Mr. Begin's impassioned outcry of blood libel

in the Knesset some two years ago against those he defamed as "slandering in our midst"? Someone had dared to express doubt, whether the organs of investigation had acted with sufficient energy and conviction to discover and apprehend those responsible for the attempt on the life of the three West Bank mayors. Who still remembers the pitiful television performance of the then head of the Shin Bet, who had been urged to deny reports current at the time of his dissatisfaction with high-level government directives to restrain his investigative zeal? The appearance in public of an incumbent director of the Shin Bet was not only a premiere in the annals of the state, but also a prelude to his departure from office a few months later. Three years after the assassination attempt, its perpetrators are still at liberty and perhaps even back at their nefarious trade.

ONE YEAR has passed since the murder of Emil Grunzweig. At the time the government went through the motions of mollifying the anger of an outraged public. It issued the customary statement of dismay and regret. The Minister of the Interior, who is responsible for the police, in one of his not too frequent sojourns in the country, made the usual promise of a relentless investigation

## Perverting society

By GIDEON RAFAEL

by a select team. Rumours were spread by "informed circles" that the suspects may be ordinary criminals or Arab terrorists. Be this as it may, after 12 months the police has not produced a shred of evidence, let alone indicted a single person or organization connected with the crime.

Nothing stimulates criminal activity more than a noticeable hesitation of the law enforcement agencies to pursue their task energetically. This holds true in particular for politically motivated crimes, where police failings are often interpreted as government acquiescence. Two years ago Yehudit Karp, the deputy attorney general, warned the government against deficient law enforcement in the administered territories. She submitted her resignation when her findings and recommendations were ignored.

Only then did the Minister of Justice design to form a committee to look into the grievous situation. Government committees set up in response to public pressure are nothing but bureaucracy's burial societies. They faithfully observe the rites, while quietly interring the issue. Until this day nothing has come out from the moribund deliberations of the special committee on the Karp report.

While law enforcement against Jewish lawbreakers in the territories has virtually come to a standstill, lawbreaking has intensified in scope and vehemence. Vigilantes are on the roam, executing their own retaliatory law against Arab attacks. They are rapidly transforming pastoral Judea and Samaria into a turbulent Wildwest Bank. They ransack the market of Hebron, encroach on the established order

of prayer, raid an Islamic seminary and shoot at children, regardless of whether or not they are throwing stones. These self-appointed sheriffs avenge the shattered windshields of their cars by burning buses at random. Is that the fire in which Judea, as their hymn says, will arise? Their arson does not build Judea, but burns Israel.

VIOLENCE like cancer, if not checked in time, becomes incurable. At the time of Britain's arbitrary rule in India, Edmund Burke warned his countrymen: "The breakers of the law in India will become the makers of the law in England." The breakers of the law in the West Bank are not yet the makers of the law in Israel. But they are on their way. They appear in a variety of disguises, as defenders of the faith and as Terror Against Terror (TNT).

The minister of defence says that the investigators of the outrage for which TNT claims responsibility do not even possess the beginning of the thread leading to their detection. Why? Because, so he explains, Israeli society is not made for dealing with this kind of activity, i.e., Jewish terrorism. The state lacks the means to investigate it, he maintains. Really? Hand-grenades with consecutive serial numbers pilfered from the army — are they not a sufficient "beginning of the thread?"

Israeli society was not naturally ready to deal with drug addiction, because not too long ago, it was virtually nonexistent in the country. Did that mean that the law enforcement authorities stood by idly as the evil spread? Not at all. They can pride themselves for impressive achievements in fighting the spread of drugs. The spreading of Jewish violence throughout the land is no less dangerous to the health of our society than the growth of drug addiction, accelerated as it is by the smuggling of hashish from Lebanon, which has flourished since the beginning of the war. It becomes increasingly obvious that it is not the investigative means, but the political will, that is lacking to stamp out the bane of vigilantism and terrorism.

THE DISMAL legacy left by Begin when he descended into despondent seclusion comprises an unending war in Lebanon, a ruined economy, a painfully divided nation, shattered confidence and fast-spreading violence. The bickering and tottering successor government can neither delay the demise of the Begin era nor cope with its aftermath. If it feels an iota of national responsibility, it will follow its lost leader and abdicate. The people, depressed and sobered by their abduction into the land of delusion,

will insist on the country's swift return to sanity. Their voice must resound throughout the land, to be heard loud and clear in the Knesset, which has the right and the duty to call for new elections.

In the meantime, the Knesset must use its constitutional powers and moral influence to oblige the organs of law enforcement to conduct the fight against political crime with unstinting energy. An appropriate committee of the Knesset should ask the investigating agencies and their ministers to submit a complete and detailed report on their efforts to detect the perpetrators of the political crimes committed in recent years.

An examination of the record, perhaps assisted by retired justices, former law officers, distinguished former police commanders and members of the intelligence community, may not only reveal possible shortcomings, but also allay unjustified suspicions. Such an initiative would be a fitting act to honour the memory of Emil Grunzweig and other victims of political violence and a timely reminder of the urgent need to eradicate the evil. Coexistence, and not coercion, is the ultimate guarantor of Israel's future peace and safety.

The writer is a former director-general of the Foreign Ministry.

## Reform—and not revenge—is the name of the game

By YITZHAK TAUB

IT WAS about 20 years ago, if I remember correctly, that a commission of inquiry was established in Britain following rumours to the effect that plans to raise the value of the bank note had been leaked to unauthorized persons by people in the Exchequer or by Bank of England directors.

The British premier said that one reason for having an inquiry was to establish whether this information had been used by insiders for unlawful personal enrichment.

The inquiry was not only very enlightening, it was also fun, with a range of important people being cross-examined about the inner workings of the secretive Bank of England. In the end, however, the commission was unable to throw any light on the leak or on its influence on the money market.

Of course, a change in the bank rate is a minor affair when compared to the multi-billion dollar erosion in the value of a blue-chip stock, such as the Israeli bank shares which were supported in a semi-official manner by the Treasury. The then minister of finance Yoram Aridor said on TV that he would buy bank shares himself if it were ethical for him to do so. The Bank of Israel also secretly supported the bank shares in that it knew of the efforts being



Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad (left) and his predecessor, Yoram Aridor

made by the banks to import money in order to sustain the ever-rising prices against an avalanche of sales by investors.

This was a no-win game. The moment investors suspected what was up, the game was up — and there was an alternative available in the Patam accounts system. The cleverest of the investors got out first, others followed. Only the dumb and the decent (who relied on advice given by the bank clerks and

took seriously the rumour that the government would protect the small investor) were caught with the falling shares in their hands.

The government, as a matter of fact, did provide some protection for the investor at the expense of the taxpayer, but this is only in the long run.

IN ANY EVENT, what we had was a major fiasco that involved government officials, public bodies like the



(Yoram Aridor, Yoram Aridor)

Bank of Israel and the Securities Authority, and directors of commercial banks, some of which are, ironically, owned by solid public institutions like the Jewish Agency and the Histadrut's Havorat Ha'ovdim.

So far, not one official has admitted being at fault. No bank director has resigned and certainly no politician has assumed blame. (Poor Yoram Aridor resigned for totally different reasons and, in any

case, he refused to be the scapegoat for this bank share scandal.)

Now Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir, after having thought the matter over for a couple of months, has written to the finance minister and said that he believes it in the public interest to hold some sort of inquiry.

One may well suspect that Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad received this letter with something less than enthusiasm. He

already has his hands full and a study of recent history is of no pressing concern to him. I also doubt that his officials would like the idea since they themselves may be implicated.

Nor would the Bank of Israel stand to gain anything from having a bunch of strangers sticking their noses into the doings or the non-doings of the central bank at the time of a major crisis of confidence in the banking community.

As for the banks themselves, what possible good could it do them to share their innermost secrets, which not only may be displeasing to the public but also to their own boards of directors.

THIS MAKES it clear that there are strong vested interests which would work against any objective assessment of the past performance — perhaps one should say bungling — among all concerned. The banks, which may turn out to be the chief culprits in such an investigation, claim some measure of immunity since their international reputation may be harmed. This may well be true, but it is too bad they didn't think of it before they started playing their regulating game.

When there is a public scandal, only a public investigation of the matter can clear the air and restore local and international confidence in the reliability of the financial system.

Papering over the matter serves only to create more distrust. It is naive to assume that foreign bankers and investors have not read newspaper and magazine accounts describing our economy. It becomes almost funny when a government that did not hesitate to appoint a commission to investigate a fifty-year-old murder — that of Atlioroff — refuses to investigate a scandal of this sort.

But a word of caution must be sounded here: There are many people seeking to avenge their losses, and they may be seeking scapegoats. Also, no one is immune to trying to make political capital of the affair.

I personally do not mind if the voters remember how recklessly the economy was run during these last years and act accordingly. But reform, not revenge, is the name of the game.

An objective investigation is in order. Not by politicians on a personal basis. A wider view is needed. Certainly, it is not only the banks that should be investigated. The entire supervisory system is at fault, whether it be in government or in the Knesset.

Responsible people who care should now support the attorney-general's plea for the establishment of an independent commission of inquiry.

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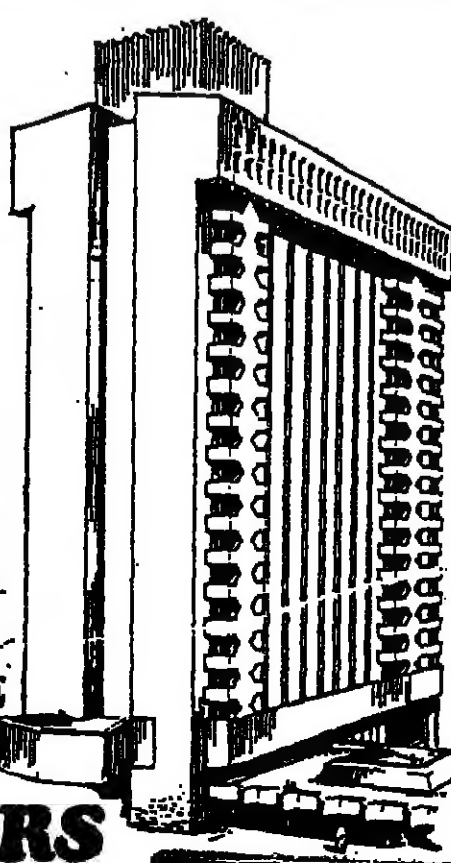
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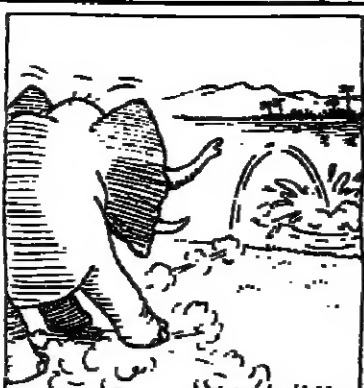
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# What makes Jesse run?

By MARK SEGAL in New York



Jesse Jackson... Zionism is "a poisonous weed."

MANY QUESTIONS have been raised since last week's media hype over the Rev. Jesse Jackson's return from Damascus with U.S. Navy pilot Robert Goodman, who had been held captive by the Syrians. The question is over whether President Ronald Reagan can continue to resist the mounting pressure from both Republican and Democratic congressional leaders and keep the Marines in Beirut. Another question that New York media friends have asked this reporter is why Premier Yitzhak Shamir chose to tell them in his briefing during his recent visit that Syrian President Hafez Assad was all washed up and that the power game in Damascus would shortly take a new direction.

The credibility of Shamir, and that of Israel as a whole, among some of the most influential people in the U.S. has taken a serious knock.

After all, the Syrian ruler has displayed brilliant finesse in playing on the collective emotions of the American people and in a most canny intervention into American politics.

To use one of our more apt descriptions, he has showed himself to be something of a Galitzianer. His prime signal has been to show that he is very much in the saddle in Damascus, and that he is there to do business if the Reagan administration so desires.

Assad's clever manipulation of the black presidential candidate, who has never been very choosy about the means he uses, came at a time when there were few hot political news items, when Congress was in recess and the vast majority of the population was recovering from the excessive eating and drinking over Christmas and the New Year.

IT HAS NOT been the American media's finest hour, to put it mildly. Only one columnist, George Will, had the gumption to question on ABC's *Nightline* the way a political candidate was manipulated by a foreign tyrant so that he could exploit a human-interest story for his political ends.

It was to the credit of *Nightline* anchorman Ted Koppel that he was the only man on the video screen in the 48 hours of TV-hype over the Jackson-Goodman story to question whether the fate of one man or one family could be allowed to override the interests of the nation as a whole, especially if that nation claimed superpower status.

Jackson is already trying to take advantage of the story in the campaign for the pivotal New Hampshire Democratic primary contest, which takes place in February. Goodman makes New Hampshire-born and usually Jewish near there.

Israelis may remember Jackson from his controversial visit some years back, when he threatened to launch an anti-Israel boycott by black Americans after then-premier Begin declined to receive him officially.

THE ONLY really penetrating questions that have been posed to Jackson have come from Lally Weymouth, one of the more

talented journalists in the print media. Her interview with Jackson in Damascus was printed by chance in the latest issue of *New York Magazine* and a post-Damascus interview appeared in Sunday's *Los Angeles Times*.

In her introduction to the latter, Weymouth quoted an Arab ambassador as saying that Syria was anyhow looking for a way to hand Goodman back, and that Jackson offered them an opportunity of embarrassing Reagan.

WHEN SHE ASKED Jackson whether, as her Arab sources had it, he was carrying a message from Assad to Reagan whereby the *quid pro quo* for the Goodman release would be the cessation of U.S. reconnaissance overflights of Syrian positions, Jackson declined to comment.

When she questioned his hailing of Assad as a "great humanitarian" and mentioned the Amnesty report on the Hama massacre, he replied, "All governments sin, just as our government invaded Grenada, massacred Indians and blacks and deny women their rights."

Weymouth then asked him whether, like presidential envoy Donald Rumsfeld, he had raised the fate of the four Israelis in Syrian captivity. He said he had not.

Jackson praised Assad's record in Lebanon, saying: "At least he's not as militant about keeping Lebanon as Begin was the West Bank."

When Weymouth spoke about Assad's vision of a Greater Syria, including Lebanon, Jordan and Israel, Jackson said: "He referred to Lebanese sovereignty." But when

she noted that Assad could afford to speak like that with 60 per cent of Lebanon ruled by his proxies, Jackson replied: "If you use the proxy argument, then the amount of U.S. aid given to Israel threatens Israeli sovereignty, because the U.S. could pull the plug out... Syria is not a Soviet proxy, just as Lebanon is not Syria's proxy."

He outlined his call for Palestinian self-determination and a Palestinian state, arguing that the PLO "has conceded Israel's right to exist by not demanding today all of Israel for their homeland, but only the West Bank and Gaza."

In Jackson's eyes, "Syria and Lebanon were one people living under two national names." He talked of Assad's having protested to him about "Israel's use aggressively of American weapons" in its expanded settlements, its keeping of the Golan Heights... How the U.S. sent Shamir home with \$3b. in aid and Jemayel back home empty-handed.

Jackson also spoke to Weymouth in the *Los Angeles Times* interview about "tying the level of American aid to Israel" to changes in Israeli policies. He explained:

"Aid should be linked to Israeli annexationist policies. Right now, the U.S. is exposed as co-conspirator to the invasion and occupation of Lebanon."

Once again Jackson stressed that by a more even-handed policy America would help Israel, "which will become the Wall Street of the Middle East instead of being always on the offensive."

IN HER *New York Magazine* inter-

view, Weymouth asked the presidential candidate about his having described Zionism as "a poisonous weed." He replied that there was a lot of controversy about Zionism and Judaism.

"Zionism is rooted in race — it's a political philosophy. Judaism is a religion and faith. And there are points on the curve where Zionism and Judaism are in conflict. To the extent to which the prophecy of Judaism is made silent by the politics of Zionism, it is a threat to the glorious flower of Judaism... There are many Jews who are not Zionists."

"My position on the Middle East has been distorted. One cannot have a blank-check arrangement with any nation's interest and protect our nation's interest... This blank cheque to Shamir of clearly offensive weapons signals a possible attack upon Syria that could lead us to world destabilization."

Jackson confirmed having approached the Libyan government for a black-owned oil company, and having solicited money from Arab businessmen.

When Weymouth noted that "virtually 100 per cent of Democratic senators are pro-Israel," Jackson retorted: "But that is not in the best interests of our nation. We must be pro-American, by normalized ties with the Arab world."

Weymouth also touched on various questions concerning Jackson's probity from his days in Chicago, where the finances of his organization, Operation PUSH, are now being studied. When she asked him to comment on the matter raised in a recent *Wall Street Journal* editorial about a discrepancy of between \$80,000 and \$2m. in federal aid found in the organization's books by Federal auditors, Jackson dismissed the charge as "sloppy accounting."

SOME PUNDITS here claim that while Ronald Reagan the President may be embarrassed by Jackson's private diplomacy, Ronald Reagan the Republican candidate soon to launch his campaign for re-election is far from unhappy.

Jackson, having been thrust to the forefront of the political game, is now a focus of black pride in America, and hence a threat to the campaign of front-running Democratic candidate Walter Mondale.

Any progress Jackson might make would be only at Mondale's expense, and not at that of the Republicans who from the start gave up on the black vote. The Mondale people do have something to worry about — if their man has to move towards Jackson, he will inevitably lose the support of those who dislike the reverend. They include not only important Jewish party activists and contributors, but many middle-class blacks who see in Jackson's historicism a threat to their hard-won respectability.

No wonder the rumour mill in Washington churns out stories about Jackson's initial push having come from Republican sources as a clever way of creating disarray in the Democratic ranks as the 1984 presidential election campaign gets under way.

## Worth the wait

JAZZ ETC./Madeline L. Kird

The keyboard was chiefly on the nine-foot Steinway concert grand at the Mishkenot Sha'ananim Music Centre, where most of the tracks were recorded (two were done live at a performance at Beit Hamoreh).

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lot of jazz pianists have recorded this way, and I think it lets all the spontaneity and inspiration come right through."

Spontaneity and inspiration are certainly in evidence. Sasha Argov's "Go to the Desert," for example, gets an energetic reading with trimmings of delicate Middle Eastern filagree, which Magnes says is based on Egyptian *makam* structures.

Elsewhere, Matt Caspi's "Eliezer Ben-Yehuda" gets chords turned inside out, while Liz's left hand supplies something akin to a boogie beat. "Uncle Moshe," which Israeli

kids have adapted from "Old McDonald," is done in lively ragged time with stride-piano overlays.

Yoni Rechter is one of Magnes' favourite native song-writers, and indeed she devotes five of the album's 13 tracks to his compositions, closing out with an especially sensitive interpretation of his "Good Night."

Liz says she'd love to record more of Israeli pop composers, tampering with the tempos and structures of Shalom Hanoch, Shlomo Gronich and others. Her next project, however, is a recording of her popular Gershwin-Porter programme with vocalist Sandra Johnson. The two, incidentally, are leaving at the end of this month for a concert tour of Greece.

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### Cryptic

#### ACROSS

- All nations with maritime connections know where they are with it (3, 2, 3, 5)
- Fired, using machine gun to damage the pipes (5)
- In school, room for improvement in discipline! (9)
- Not hard to find the bones of those suffering from it (7)
- A logical way to try and find out why it's not in the Arts class (7)
- Generally, small farmers hope they'll grow bigger (5)
- Cause them to abandon one another, having caught their fancy (9)
- Leaves them to cover up this plant in winter (9)
- Show an indifferent attitude! (5)
- They give extra protection to those with nails in their shoes (7)
- By the sound of it, the rain in Spain won't fall on her! (7)
- "Air or Soot"—an arrangement for musicians (9)
- Lands in the sea (5)
- Eastern poet regrets that holy man leave unbigging historical figure (5, 3, 5)

#### DOWN

- Reclaim bad characters; it's beyond human power! (7)
- May produce vessels having wheel-houses, these craftsmen! (7)
- Very much dislikes what he does (5)
- Better to make a profit from this... (7)
- This... (7)
- SS landing gear wrecked, as a warning to others (6, 7)
- A case of eggs getting wet in a Chinese restaurant! (5, 4, 4)
- To... (7)
- 10... (7)
- Convent inspecting Officer initially taken in by the inmates under Papal orders (7)
- Turned out? Well, it's not surprising, having been long in the dressing-room! (7)
- Well-groomed beauty has it studied, this charm (7)
- Have enough to do it! (7)
- Turned these locks for one of them (7)
- Common name for one after black gold (5)

### Quickie

#### ACROSS

- New to crime (5, 2)
- Vexed (5)
- Extreme leftist (9)
- An evil feeling (7)
- Offence concerning speech (7)
- Move furtively (5)
- A raise in salary (3)
- Car drivers (9)
- Burn fiercely (5)
- Nearly lose one's footing (7)
- Non-professional (7)
- E.g., suffering from a disease (9)
- Fang (5)
- Piece of furniture (8-5)

#### DOWN

- Looked angry (7)
- Piece of fried minced food (7)
- Vapours (5)
- Teach (7)
- To become less (7)
- Astronauts come back so (6, 2, 5)

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By HELGA DUDMAN/Jerusalem Post Reporter

In her pro-Israel life, she is a member of the Jewish-Christian Friendship Association, and less abstractly, is a personal friend of the rabbi of Madrid. "I believe your faith is something you must live; and Judaism is the foundation of Christianity."

"We have learned long ago to stand against slanderers' developed strong nerves and not be tripped by media campaign of lies and half-truths," Shamir said.

last night when fire broke out in a shop beneath a 10-storey apartment block in Rehov Abbas. More than 20 firefighters with 10 fire trucks tackled the blaze, the cause of which has not yet been determined.



### Afa C shares zoom by 200 per cent

EL AVIV. — In the slowest trading session in recent memory the share market yesterday put in a satisfactory advance, as the General Share Index, commercial banks' excepted, posted a 1.35 per cent gain.

In most sectors, apart from commercial banks, prices advanced by 1 to 10 per cent. The profit-taking in the oil sector over the past few weeks continued, and the group fell by 1.68 per cent.

For those looking for excitement could be found in the trading of Afa C shares. The shares were up at 10, reflecting an ex-rights situation. In response to a demand of nearly 1500 million, however, they advanced by 20 points, to 30, a session advance of 200 per cent.

The sluggish trading resulted in a move of just under 15279m. The index-linked bond market's mostly mixed, with an underlying upward trend, as advances were offset throughout most of the day.

In advance of Sunday's announcement of the cost-of-living index for December, "guesstimates" to the figure ranged from a low of 1.3 per cent to a high of 1.75 per cent. A 13 per cent index advance would spell a 194 per cent index rise since 1983.

In the meantime, the index-linked bond market certainly has not been moving ahead at a clip that would indicate such a high index rise. Last

### Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

month, it will be recalled, the bond market rallied sharply in the last week. The period towards the end of the month is generally used by mutual funds, pension funds and insurers of savings schemes to load up on index-linked bonds.

The devaluation of the shekel, like the turnover in the share market, slowed down to a snail's pace. The local currency was devalued by less than 0.2 per cent.

There was little notable news from the bank share group which is part of the Treasury agreement. Prices were almost unchanged, with Union and Mizrahi the notable exceptions. Union advanced by 0.4 per cent, while Mizrahi bearer was a two per cent loser.

In the bankholding equity sector Danot 1 was a 10 per cent loser. FIBI, however, was 2.2 per cent higher.

Mortgage bank issues were not able to point to an advancing session, as prices mostly eased. Jaysour 1 was dropped for a 9.4 per cent fall. Tefahot ordinary was 2.8 per cent lower.

Specialized financial institution issues traded higher and were led by

Shilim, which came through with an 8.1 per cent rise.

Insurance issues enjoyed rising prices. Menorah, 1, Zion Holdings 1, Hassneh and Yardeni 0.5 were all able to point to 10 per cent advances.

Arch was up by 9.7 per cent. This was the best session for the insurance group for more than a month.

The service and trade group also enjoyed improved prices. Cold Storage 0.1 was ahead 7.3 per cent, while Galei Zohar was rising high by 9.8 per cent. Nikav Computers started in the computer group, as its 1 share was 10 per cent higher. The shares were established as "buyers only" and their price was accordingly fixed five per cent higher, without any trading taking place.

The land development, real estate and citrus plantation sector was nicely ahead by more than one per cent, on a sectoral basis. Eilon was nearly 11 per cent to the good, as Drucker 5 picked up 10 per cent. In spite of scattered selling pressures, the shares of Property & Building remained unchanged. In recent sessions these shares were steady and relatively heavy losers.

Mishnel was 10.1 per cent higher. Levinstein 5 advanced by 10 per cent, while Rogovin 5 fell by a similar margin. The Rassco shares, both ordinary and preferred, were both five per cent gainers.

Industrials were in good form as gains clearly predominated. The Dubek shares were both 6.4 per cent gainers. Atlas, the halva manufacturer, continued to make good and advanced by 10 per cent for the second consecutive session. Foodstuff manufacturers generally suffer less in recessionary periods. This is proving true for Atlas, at least as far as its stock exchange performance is concerned.

Lodzia 0.1 absorbed a 10.1 per cent loss, but Pargod advanced by 10.3 per cent. The Israel Can shares are both able to point to 10 per cent upward jumps.

In the electronics group Elbit was 3.5 per cent higher, while Elron gained 2.1 per cent. Ariz zipped ahead by 10 per cent. Clal Industries gained 5.4 per cent, to 295.

Investment company issues were the best performers, with a 2.25 per cent sectoral gain.

The Israel Corporation and Discount Investments issues were up by two per cent. Elgar bearer rebounded with a 10 per cent gain.

The Clal Israel shares were both the beneficiaries of demand strong enough to justify gains of 10 per cent apiece.

Oil shares continued to falter in the absence of any new and encouraging news about oil finds.

CRIME. — A special Border Police unit has been assigned to help the Northern District Police cope with what is described as a growing rate of crime in the area.

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Baruch op	70	
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# The Navon option

By ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

YITZHAK NAVON has made it as clear as one could wish that his full return to political life is now just a matter of timing. Gad Ya'acobi, Labour's economic spokesman, has speculated that, if there is a chance of the party's return to power in the present Knesset, Navon will remain on the sidelines. If new elections are in the offing, however, he will announce his candidacy for political office.

If this is Navon's position, it presents a number of problems. It means that he, in effect, leaves the options in the hands of others. Under present circumstances, that means the minor partners of the present coalition, Tami and Agudat Yisrael. They are the only ones supporting Shamir's shaky government that do not fear new elections and are also potential partners for Labour in an alternative government.

If the choice were presented, Shimon Peres would clearly opt for an immediate change of government, which, of course, would mean that he would become prime minister without a new contest within his own party. With the present composition of the party's Central Committee, he would be assured of the support of a majority within his own camp. Even those opposed to his leadership would welcome the opportunity for a re-ordering of the national priorities, as well as a share in the fruits of Office.

Other than the barrier this would place in Navon's pathway to the highest political office, it is questionable if such a development is desirable. It would place on Labour the responsibility for unpopular economic policies, while perpetuating the present structural weakness of Israeli politics, which puts the government of the day at the mercy of minor coalition partners. It would mean kowtowing to the Tami leadership, abandoning moral scruples in the scramble for

power. The warning delivered by the dean of the Hebrew University law faculty, Yehoshua Wiesman, on the weakening of the rule of law resultant upon such a development, should not be disregarded. At the same time, it would permit Agudat Yisrael to continue to exact ransom, in the form of concessions to its clerical demands, and even to up the ante.

A Labour government with a narrow coalition base would perpetuate another negative feature of our present political life. It would mean that the major coalition party would be torn between appealing to the mass electorate, whose position on the major problems is one of moderation, and satisfying the extremist elements in its own camp, whose popular support is negligible, but whose parliamentary support is essential in preserving a majority coalition.

The major structural need of Israeli politics today is to free the system of the need to keep the support of minor special-interest groups, such as Tami and the religious parties, and extremist elements inside and outside the major parties. Without a major popular realignment this does not appear to be possible, unless there is a grand coalition of the two major political blocs. Such a grand coalition is unlikely, until new elections demonstrate that there is no other available route to a government capable of effective action on the domestic front.

Yitzhak Navon would be a natural candidate to lead a grand coalition after new Knesset elections.

Navon's major political asset is the presidential image. He is widely perceived as being above the political arena. As president, he represented the nation as a whole.

His aim should be to preserve that image. He can best achieve this objective if he presents a political option whose core objective is

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national unity. A grand coalition of the two major political blocs is one such an option.

By sponsoring such a proposal, Navon would strengthen his popular appeal, which would be subject to erosion if he descended into the partisan arena. He would be building on his position of popular strength, not just trading on it.

By declaring his readiness to build such a coalition he would make a crucial contribution to shaping the political options. Such a declaration should increase popular pressure for new elections. It would reduce the chances either of the continued existence of the present government or of the birth of an alternative government which would suffer from the same structural weaknesses. It would put the extremists and the special-interest pleaders on notice that their political power depends on their numerical support, and not on coalition arithmetic.

NAVON HAS made it plain that he will not enter a contest for party leadership. He is also reported to have declared that he would not consider distancing himself from his political ties with Shimon Peres. He does not aim at creating a third bloc within the Labour Party.

No disloyalty to Peres would be involved, however, if he were to offer the people of Israel an option that Peres cannot present: the leadership of a grand coalition of the two major political blocs. No competition with Shimon Peres, or with any other Labour hopeful, could result from such a move. Navon would be not just another player in the present party contest. He would simply be affirming what we all know — that today's coalition game is a no-win stalemate for almost everyone, without regard to party affiliation, and that the time has come for a new departure.

We cannot long continue in the leaderless state we are in today,

with every minister doing his own thing. The prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, despairing of creating money in his government, vainly to control the tempo here, his contribution is about as significant as that of a pianist in a clip-joint. The finance minister, Yigal Cohen-Orzag, however, clays voyant his vision of the economic needs of the country, wanders from confrontation to confrontation, looking like the Henry James character who had more news of life than he knew what to do with.

Yitzhak Navon has an option to present. It is the Navon Option, a double sense. It exists only for Navon and for no one else on today's political horizon; and it is one which only he, by declaring himself available, can make possible. If timing is what concerns the former president, the answer is clear — the time is now.

The writer is a political scientist.

## READERS' LETTERS

### CZECH JEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir. — It is only after a delay of several months that I received a copy of The Jerusalem Post magazine of June 3, 1983, including the article, "Prague's Pride and Prejudice" by Pearl Miller.

I read it with very unpleasant feelings. I am not going to argue with an intention, based on a subjective wishful thinking, to show Prague in the most gloomy colours — "the Intercontinental Prague's only deluxe hotel" or the touching story about a girl who received a dress from Israel.

I think it is my duty, however, to take up my position on more important problems, being myself an experienced editor and journalist and as the President of the Council of the Jewish Religious Communities in the CSR. For a journalist — according to my opinion — it is absolutely unreliable to gather information about Prague and about our life either from an American only on a temporary stay in Prague, or from two young people characterized by the journalist as disidents and who — as we know — did not realize until four years ago that they were Jews.

I regret also that both a Jewish and Israeli journalist did not find her way to me, to hear my views on

present problems of our society, while various well known journalists and editors from the London BBC, from the West German Television and Broadcasting Corporation, from the Swiss weekly *Israelischer Wochenblatt*, from the American television considered it a matter of course to hear my opinion.

The assumption that the kosher restaurant in the Jewish townhall is not sufficiently kosher I consider not only tactless but an insult to those Jews who survived the Holocaust, were brought up in Jewish Orthodox families and are trying at present to continue as best as they can in the tradition and the legacy of Czech Jews.

Dr. DESIDER GALSKY  
President of the Council of the Jewish Communities in the CSR Prague.

Pearl Miller comments:

My article was based on talks with many Jews — Czech and visiting. I believe it accurately reflects some of the reservations about Jewish life in Prague that are held by those who don't have official positions. I'm sorry Dr. Galsky thought the article grossly as I went out of my way to illustrate the many positive aspects of Jewish life in contemporary Prague.

### SPEEDING IN HERZLIYA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir. — Subsequent to Herzliya Mayor Landau's illegal bulldozing operation of the beautiful garden (December 15), I thought your readers would like to know that we have already had our first serious accident when two autos travelling at high speed collided. It is not surprising, in fact it was inevitable, after Mayor Landau built his highway on what was previously our garden.

The city should now realize that transforming little dead-end Hameginim Street into a highway invites excessive and dangerous speed. Hameginim Street should

logically become a one way street, especially during school traffic hours.

Another unexpected and dangerous trend plaguing traffic is the school children now walking five and more abreast on the widened street, shunning even the two blocks of sidewalks previously completed. Residents of Hameginim Street shudder to think of the possible serious accidents when the mayor macadamizes his new highway, unintentionally inviting even more speeding.

Herzliya.

BEN HILLSON

### ANATOLY

#### SHCHARANSKY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir. — I refer to your article of December 29 concerning my trip to Moscow on behalf of Avital Shcharansky. I deeply deplore your headline and must take strong exception to the reporting of your correspondent and the remarks made by the chairman of the National Council for Soviet Jewry, particularly because to date neither have I been asked for my comment by either of these gentlemen nor indeed have I ever spoken or met them.

I was asked by Mrs. Avital Shcharansky to lodge a plea for clemency on behalf of her husband Anatoly who, your readers must appreciate, is most unwell and in a desperate situation. I duly discussed and lodged with the prosecutor's office (not the KGB as incorrectly referred to in the article) and the government office (the Presidium) a written plea for clemency together with details of my power of attorney. Pursuant to those meetings, I am now taking further steps on behalf of the Shcharansky family.

Whilst in Moscow, my instructions were confirmed both by Leonid (the brother) and Mrs. Milgrom (the mother).

My visit was precipitated by the considerable concern of the Shcharansky family that the established Soviet Jewry Movement had taken no constructive steps on Anatoly's behalf for at least the last 12 months. It should not be forgotten that this man, through his courage and strength in the face of terrible adversity, has given an unprecedented impetus to Jewish consciousness and the vital aliya from the USSR.

PAUL GRANT

### HELPING THE POLICE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir. — When my daughter was about nine years old, she was pulled into a car near her school, driven around a few minutes, molested and thrown from the car. The same thing happened to her friend at the same spot, a few minutes later. The girls easily remembered the type of car, the design of the seat covers and the man. We begged the police to let us help look for the car — we could also have alerted our community to be on the look-out for it. But the police said we could not be of any help. (Subsequently, my daughter spotted the car and the driver in front of another school, doing the same trick.)

I understand from your recent articles that the police is understaffed. I would like to propose the establishment of a voluntary group to do the tiring non-professional legwork for them. For instance, we have been allowed to keep watch at different schools, we might have been able to spot the above car, record its licence number and have given the police something to work with.

CONCERNED MOTHER  
(Name and address supplied)  
Haifa.

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LIFE STYLE magazine comes bouncing back on Wednesday, with more great reading.

Aulcie Perry is a very tall man. The Gentle Giant of Maccabi Tel Aviv, Perry has the leadership qualities and exemplary sportsmanship that help make him one of Israel's most popular athletes. LIFE STYLE's A Day in the Life goes one-on-one with the basketball star.

To mark Tu B'Shvat, LIFE STYLE focuses on gardening in Israel. Right the way, folks, for a guided tour of gardens in the Old City's Jewish Quarter. And you'll meet a professional gardener with a difference: she's a woman, doing what is traditionally a man's job.

Make your own cosmetics? Sure! All you need are the recipes, and you can make natural herbal face creams and bath oils, all by yourself. AND MORE! Graphology column, Elie discusses adolescent sex, and by Kirschen, and if Scrabble Sam tells you the cheats, well, he's probably just bluffing.

Don't miss it — LIFE STYLE, free with this Wednesday's JERUSALEM POST

## POSTSCRIPTS

**PS** A TOP Soviet education official says a series of education reforms during the next six years will give Soviet children an additional year of schooling and increase their scientific skills, patriotism and love of Communism.

Fyodor Panachin, first deputy minister of education, told the news agency TASS the reforms will "improve... deepen and perfect" education.

Panachin said a key feature of the overhaul — the first major reform of the Soviet school system since 1958 — is a plan to introduce schooling from the age of six.

Most Soviet pupils will spend 11 years at school instead of the present 10. Some pupils now graduate after nine years and go on to vocational schools. Protective Soviet parents are also resistant to the idea of sending their youngsters to school when they are as young as six.

Without explaining how, Panachin said more men would be induced to teach and that teacher training would be extended by one year.

**PS** TINY wasps and beetles from Brazil are being let loose in Nigeria to control other insects that are destroying a major food crop, an American scientist announced recently.

With the permission of the Nigerian government, the wasps and beetles are being used to attack the cassava mealybug, said Ermond Harimans, director of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture at Ibadan, Nigeria.

Throughout the world, 700 million people eat the root called cassava — also known as manioc — as an important part of their diet. In some countries, the plant is best known as the source of tapioca pudding.

Hartmans said the mealybug was taken from Latin America to Africa in 1972 and 1973 and has infected most African cassava-growing areas in 26 countries. It spread with enormous speed because it has no natural enemies in Africa, he said. The loss from the mealybug is estimated at \$2 billion a year, and the price of cassava in Nigeria has been steadily increasing.

The breakthrough in finding a natural predator of the mealybug came when a Peace Corps worker

three years ago sent mealybug from southern Nigeria near the border with Paraguay.

"It was exactly the species we had in Africa, and of course once the species was identified, it was possible to find out what is the complex of predators and parasites that keeps the pest under control, because in Latin America it is not a pest," said Hartmans.

**PS** IF BRITAIN is ever forced to press the newly renovated Queen Elizabeth 2 ocean liner into military service again, its sailors can bunk in a pair of luxury suites with gold-furnished bathrooms.

The new suites were among a number of features unveiled recently aboard the luxury cruise ship, which underwent a multimillion-dollar renovation to prepare for its first full year of operation since the Falkland Islands war.

The new features on the 13-storey, 67,000-ton transatlantic vessel include a \$1 million retractable glass roof over a sunken pool, permitting passengers to swim and sunbathe in any weather, a computer room with six IBM machines, and the two refurbished luxury suites, which will cost \$256,000 per person on the QE2's 89-day world cruise.

"We're trying to attract that person that has always dreamed of going on a cruise, but worried there wouldn't be enough to do on board," said Ralph Bahna, president of Cunard Lines.

**PS** DESPITE overall gloomy production figures, Israeli chickens are still tops when it comes to laying eggs. At a recent competition of hens from different parts of the world, an Israeli layer won first prize.

The comparison was held in France at an experimental station of the French Ministry of Agriculture. The hen, which is of the Kav 10 Meshupar type of the Israeli Poultry Breeders Union, averaged 256.3 eggs for its expected period of productivity.

The Kav 10 Meshupar hen is new in Israel, having been commercially introduced to local coops nine months ago. Local growers are excited about having their chicken crowned the best layer of the year in Europe, hoping that it will now open up new export markets. Y.O.

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